

EMPTY

Mark 15:42-16:7

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The wonder of Easter is the wonder of an empty tomb! Because the tomb where they buried Jesus is empty, we never have to be empty. He is alive and offers to fill us with His presence today, tomorrow and forever.

Because the tomb is empty...

- I. We know Jesus is who He claimed to be
 - A. *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"* (John 11:25-26 ESV)
 - B. *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6 ESV)
- II. We know Jesus did what He came to do
 - A. *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.* (John 10:11 & 18 ESV)
 - B. *Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."* (Matthew 17:22-23 ESV)
 - C. *Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."* (Mark 8:31 ESV)
 - D. *He was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise."* (Mark 9:31 ESV)
 - E. *"We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."* (Mark 10:33-34 ESV)
- III. We know Jesus does what He says He does
 - A. *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.* (John 10:27-28 ESV)
 - B. *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.* (John 14:27 ESV)
- IV. We know Jesus won't leave us empty
 - A. *To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* (Colossians 1:27 ESV)

So What?

- The empty tomb proves God is real
- The empty tomb proves Jesus is real
- The empty tomb proves the Bible is real
- The empty tomb proves we are accountable