

WHAT DOES THE EMPTY TOMB MEAN?

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

"So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying." JOHN 20:1-10 TNIV

IT MEANS . . .

1. JESUS IS THE REAL DEAL!

"...I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies."
JOHN 11:25 NIV

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can get to God the Father except by means of Me." JOHN 14:6 LB

2. I CAN COUNT ON JESUS

"They will mock... and flog... and kill Me; but after three days I will come back to life again."
MARK 10:34 LB

"The angel said, 'Don't be frightened! I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified, but He isn't here! He has come back to life again, just as He said He would.'"
MATTHEW 28:5-6 LB

3. JESUS CAN EMPTY ME OF MY GUILT

"He has forgiven all our sins... and canceled every record of the debt we owed; Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross." COLOSSIANS 3:14 JB

"There is no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ." ROMANS 8:1 LB

4. JESUS HAS THE POWER OF GOD!

"All power in heaven and on earth is given to Me." MATTHEW 28:18 NCV

"No one takes my life from me. I have the power to lay it down and I have the power to take it up again." JOHN 10:18 PH

5. JESUS CAN HANDLE ANY AND ALL OF MY PROBLEMS

"How incredibly great is his power to help those who believe Him ... the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead!" EPHESIANS 1:20 LB

"I am ready for anything through the strength of Christ who lives in me." PHILIPPIANS 4:13 PH

6. I CAN HAVE A NEW LIFE THAT STARTS NOW AND LASTS FOREVER!

"What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole." 1 PETER 1:3-5 THE MESSAGE

"This is the way to have eternal life - by knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, the one he sent to earth!" JOHN 17:3 LB