

The empty Tomb

SUBJECT: CHRISTOLOGY

TOPIC: THE EMPTY TOMB

PROPOSITION: To set forth the biblical account of the resurrection of Christ and to give some implications of Jesus' empty tomb.

OBJECTIVE: To remind the audience that the resurrection of Christ is a true historical event
And therefore carries profound implications for our own lives.

INTRODUCTION

1. Read Matt. 27:62-28:8

2. The empty tomb of Jesus relates to the most important event in the entire history of mankind.

(1) That the dead can be brought back to life again, is indeed incredible. That's incredible!

(2) Exactly what happened just under 2000 years ago. Jesus was put to death, buried and on the third day He came out of His tomb. **Rev. 1:17-18.**

(3) That is the gospel message of Jesus Christ. The salvation of all mankind rests solidly on this historical fact. **I Cor. 15:17;**

(4) The preaching of the apostles was the death, burial and empty tomb of Jesus.

a. **Acts 2:22-24,29-32.**

b. **Acts 3:13-15**

c. **Acts 4:9-10**

d. **I Cor. 15:1-4**

3. Why is the empty tomb of Jesus so critical to the Christian religion and mankind in general?

4. Reference to STPO

DISCUSSION.

1. The empty tomb gives credibility to the claims Jesus made about Himself. Matt. 16:13;
Peter and the apostles – **Mark 14:61-62.**

(1) He is God, **John 1:1-2;**

(2) He is God our Savior, **Titus 2:11-14**

- (3) He stands between us and God; To reach God we must go through Him, **I Tim. 2:5**
- (4) He is the only right way, truth and life, **John 14:6**
- (5) He gives eternal life – **John 10:10, 27-28; I John 5:11**
- 2. **The empty tomb establishes our accountability to God – Acts 17:30, 31.**
 - (1) The Supreme Court of God – **2 Cor. 5:10**
 - (2) **Rom. 2:6-7**
- 3. **The empty tomb means that Jesus has defeated death and the Devil. I Cor. 15:54-58**
 - (1) We too can be victorious over life. Our victory is our faith in Jesus. **I John 5:4**
 - (2) We can be victorious over death and the Devil, **Rom. 8:37-39**
- 4. **The empty tomb means that your tomb will also be empty. Rev. 20:12-13**
 - (1) Jesus is the resurrection and the life, **John 11:25**
 - (2) At His death, the cemeteries became vacant, **Matt. 27:50-53**
- 5. **The empty tomb means that the hope we have is real. I Pet. 1:3;**
 - (1) The despair of Good Friday, leads to the joy of Easter, **Luke 24:18-21**
 - (2) You never need to despair. Jairus' daughter. **Mark 5:22, 39-42**
 - (3) Jesus is the God of comfort, **2 Cor. 1:3-4, 9.**

CONCLUSION:

- 1. We have discussed the topic, The Empty Tomb. We have considered its meaning and its message. In this lesson we have seen –
 - (1) **The empty tomb gives credibility to the claims Jesus made about Himself**
 - (2) **The empty tomb establishes our accountability to God**
 - (3) **The empty tomb means that Jesus has defeated death and the Devil**
 - (4) **The empty tomb means that your tomb will one day be empty also**
 - (5) **The empty tomb means that there is hope that is real, anchored and secure**
- 2. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the message of the empty tomb. In dying on the cross, he paid for your sins. In rising from the dead he offers you a real and lasting hope of a better life, a life of faith in Him.
- 3. The word of faith, says, **Rom. 10:8-10.**
- 4. When will you accept his offer? Today is the best of all days.