

# The Implications of an Empty Tomb



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*Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.*

*And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher.*

*And they entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.*

**St. Luke 24:1-3**

*If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.*

*But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruit of them that slept. 1Corinthians 15:19&20*

This morning we come not to mourn or to lament the wrongful slaying of Jesus of Nazareth, but celebrate the resurrection of our savior and King of Kings, Jesus Christ! The drama which surrounds His death and resurrection is so riveting and so powerful. It is no wonder that some of the details stand out more than others, i.e. the Cross and the Crown of thorns and the nails. These were the tools used to bring this crucifixion to fruition. All eyes were focused on Jesus as He struggled up Golgotha's hill heavy laden with the

Cross on His shoulder. The Crown of thorns on His head. Cheers of triumph were heard with each pounding of the hammer that drove the nails into His hands and feet. The Roman soldier thrusting his sword into Jesus side.

Yes, much is said about these details. Their importance to the unfolding drama in no wise can be overlooked. Without the Cross there would be no Crown! Without the nails and the sword there would be no shed blood. But these details are not the whole of the story. For there was also a Tomb, Joseph's new tomb.

It is the Tomb that has captured our attention this morning and not just the Tomb, but the fact that when those charged with the responsibility of preparing Jesus's body for permanent rest reached the Tomb, they found it empty. So today I would like to share **The Implications of an Empty Tomb.**

The scripture emphasizes the fact that there was considerable concern over the security of the Tomb that

Jesus was laid in. The followers were afraid that the Jews would still His body and make a further mockery of His life and His ministry. So Joseph has a very large stone rolled in front of it to seal it. The Jews were afraid that the followers would sneak in remove His body so that they could claim that the prophecy had been fulfilled. So guards were posted outside the Tomb to insure that the body would not be hampered with. Yet with all of the security that had been put in place to make sure that Jesus would still be in the grave, **early on Sunday morning The Tomb was empty!**

Why is the fact that the Tomb was empty so important to us? What are **The Implications of an Empty Tomb**? Well, first of all, if the tomb had been able to hold Jesus we would be having this discussion this morning and even more important than that, we wouldn't have a future to look forward to. There would be no hope for eternal life. Sinners would not have a means of being saved. Our relationship with God would be permanently broken. The gates of heaven would be forever locked with no way for us to get in. Paul said it best in 1Corinthian 15: 19&20: *"If in this life only we have*

*hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."* If the Tomb had held Jesus the world could defeat us, darkness would overcome the light. Life would not be worth living. The news is always filled with stories of men and women, boys and girls who, because they were hopeless and in despair, devoid of a meaningful relationship with Christ, committing suicide. Christ was not alive in their lives. Life without hope is like a lung without air. It's not life at all. If the tomb had not been empty, if Christ had not risen from the grave, then then our lives would be empty. That is **The Implication of an Empty Tomb.**

A few years ago I passed by a church with a for sale sign out front. After passing by a few time I became curios about the price. It was such an impressive complex I just knew it was going to have a high price tag. So I called the real-estate agent and inquired. I was right. So I asked where the church body had moved to. I figured they must have out grown that facility and moved to an even larger one. I figured wrong. The pastor of the church left the church over controversy that caused the members to disband. I t was a large church that had just undergone a three million dollar renovation.

But the church was empty. All of the new pews were in the sanctuary, but the church was empty. The pulpit and the choir stand was intact, but the church was empty. The pastor's study and the library were filled with books, but the church was empty. The banquet hall was completely renovated with all of the latest amenities of any fine dining facility, but the church was empty. The children's nursery was full of big toy boxes containing every toy imaginable for the little ones, but the church was empty! Empty! Empty! Empty! After viewing all there was to see in this church, the put a burden on my heart that screamed so loud the world should have been able to hear it. He said this is not why I died on the cross. This is not why I stayed in the ground for three days and three nights. This is not why I rose early on Sunday morning so that my church would be empty. No! The tomb is empty so that their lives would be abundant. The tomb is empty so that their lives would be full of hope. The Tomb is empty because there are two things I do not like; one is for my house to be empty and the second is so that my house would not be filled with empty people!

“But now Christ is risen from the grave” The Tomb is Empty!  
The Tomb is Empty so that our lives can be filled with hope.  
Rejoice and be glad The Tomb is Empty! Halleluiah!!!