

THE TOMB IS EMPTY! “He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.” —Matthew 28:6 *ESV*

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“Christianity burst on the world with all the suddenness of good news: good news proclaimed with great enthusiasm and courage by its advocates, and backed up by their own witness and experience. It was the fruit of their conviction that God had transformed the apparent defeat of Good Friday into the supreme victory of Easter Sunday.” —C.F.D. Moule

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Acts 2:22-32, 36

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The E-M-P-T-Y Tomb Points Us to the...
Events Surrounding the Life of Jesus

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Men of Israel, hear these words:
Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested
to you by God with mighty works
and wonders and signs that God
did through Him in your midst,
as you yourselves know—

—Acts 2:22 *ESV*

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“The early Church had a tremendous sense that Jesus was the hinge of all of history: that with His coming, eternity had invaded time and God had invaded the human arena... therefore life and the world could never be the same again. With the coming of Jesus something crucial, unrepeatable, and all-affecting had emerged.”

—William Barclay

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The E-M-P-T-Y Tomb Points Us to the...
Meaning of the Death of Jesus

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...²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. —Acts 2:23-24 ESV

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¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ³concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord...
—Romans 1:1-4 ESV

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⁵But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
—Isaiah 53:5-6 ESV

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"I am not afraid of the cross. I know that men used to come there to die, but since He died, they come there to live." —Gypsy Smith

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The E-M-P-T-Y Tomb Points Us to the...
Prophecies of the Resurrection of Jesus

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Acts 2:25-31

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¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. —Acts 2:19-21 ESV

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²⁷“For You will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.” ²⁹Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

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³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of His descendants on His throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

—Acts 2:27-31 ESV

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The E-M-P-T-Y Tomb Points Us to the...
Testimonies of the Power of Jesus

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Acts 2:32, 36

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“The early Church was quite sure that the whole of the Christian religion had an historical basis, that it was based on the earthly life of Christ, and that the story of that life must be told. But it was also certain that the earthly life and death were not the end, but that then came the resurrection.

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“The basis was the historical facts, but these historical facts were not the sum total of everything. Jesus was to them not someone about whom they had read or the story of whom they had listened; He was someone whom they had met and knew and experienced. He was not a figure in a book, one who lived and died, He was a living presence, alive forevermore.” —William Barclay

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³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses...

³⁶Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

—Acts 2:32, 36 ESV

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Acts 3:15, 26

Acts 4:10

Acts 5:30

Acts 10:40

Acts 13:30, 33-34, 37

Acts 17:31

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³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. —1 Corinthians 15:3-6 ESV

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The E-M-P-T-Y Tomb Points Us to the...
Yielding Necessary to Know and
Experience Life in Jesus

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³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit..." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.
—Acts 2:37-38, 41 ESV

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Acts 2:37
What must we do?

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²¹...everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved... ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls... ⁴⁷...And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.
—Acts 2:21, 40-41, 47 ESV

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