



Part 3: An Empty Tomb

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Paul's Full Testimony about the Resurrection:

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. – *1 Corinthians 15:3-8*

Because the tomb is empty...

I can have a second chance

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect.

– *1 Corinthians 15:9-10*

I can live in the truth

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. – *1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

I don't have to be afraid of death

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. – *1 Corinthians 15:54-56*

I get a "win!"

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. – *1 Corinthians 15:57*

I can live a full life

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." – *John 10:10-11*

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Next Steps

- If you weren't ready today to accept Jesus as your Savior but you think you might want to, please call us any time at 733-1337 (Closed Monday, April 5). You can also talk to a member of the After Service Care Team immediately following any weekend service – any time in the future.
- If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, the best next step is to be baptized. You have this opportunity next weekend, April 11 & 12 at any weekend service. Read about the required baptism class on the blue insert in today's program.
- Want to know more about God, Jesus and Christianity? Register for *Alpha: A Practical Introduction to Christianity*. Read all the details on the back of today's program.

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) Chocolate is a big deal at Easter. Are you a fan or a hater of chocolate? If you're a fan, what's your favorite form of it?
- 2) Keeping Easter (and all it stands for) in the forefront of your mind, what is your heart full of, knowing that Jesus saves?
- 3) What parts of your life feel empty right now? What do you need to do to allow God to fill those empty places in your soul?
- 4) Finish this sentence: Because the tomb is empty, I will _____.
- 5) How can we pray for you tonight?