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This passage can be found in the Pew Bible, in the New Testament section, on page 138.

If a man dies, will he live again? - Job 14:14, NASB

Jesus said..."I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."

- John II:25–26, NASB95

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# What is the Simple Meaning of the Empty Tomb?

1 Corinthians 15:3ff, NASB95 - <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that <u>Christ died for our sins</u> according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that <u>He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...</u> <sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain... <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. <sup>55</sup> "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:3ff

### The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

gives us confidence and comfort for...

- **1. The bodies we have now.** "...[we] will be changed...."
- **2.** The death we face soon. "...O death, where is your sting..."
- 3. The resurrection we'll enjoy later. "...the dead will be raised..."

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1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, NASB - <sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are [died], so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have [died] in Jesus. <sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have [died]. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Based on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

#### The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

gives us confidence and comfort for...

- 1. Our Lord's return. "The Lord Himself shall descend..."
- **2. Believers who die.** "God will bring...those who have died."
- **3. Believers who live.** "We...will be caught up together..."
- **4. Our final state.** "...We shall always be with the Lord."

# THE SIMPLE ANSWER:

## What is the Simple Meaning of the Empty Tomb?

<u>SIMPLE ANSWER</u>: The Resurrection of Christ (1) is our verification that the Sacrifice of Christ on the cross was sufficient to pay for all of our sins and (2) gives us confidence and comfort that we (all believers) will one day be together in Heaven, with Christ, <u>forever</u>.