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passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins...⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NLT

Empty Tomb or Empty Lives

If Christ is not alive...

A. Our message is meaningless.

1 Corinthians 15:14, NLT -¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

B. Our witness is worthless.

1 Corinthians 15:15, NLT -¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.

C. Our faith is foolish.

1 Corinthians 15:17, NLT -¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.

D. Our existence is empty.

1 Corinthians 15:32, NLT -³² ...And if there is no resurrection, "Let's feast and drink, for tomorrow we die."

He's Alive!

Matthew 28:1-8

1. Divine Intervention - _____!

Matthew 28:1-4, HCSB -¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the tomb. ² Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, because an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and approached the tomb. He rolled back the stone and was sitting on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his robe was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so shaken from fear of him that they became like dead men.

2. Personal Invitation - _____!

Matthew 28:5-6, HCSB -⁵ But the angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay."

3. Specific Instruction - _____!

Matthew 28:7-8, HCSB -⁷ Then go quickly and tell His disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead. In fact, He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see Him there.' Listen, I have told you." ⁸ So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell His disciples the news.

4. Powerful Incarnation - _____!

Matthew 28:9-10, HCSB -⁹ Just then Jesus met them and said, "Good morning!" They came up, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus told them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see Me there."

The women came to Him, heard Him, worshipped Him and obeyed Him.

This same POWER is available to us because



He's Alive!

He's Alive! Easter Sermon Answers

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