

# The Empty Promises of “Easter”

(Luke 24:1-9)

**Introduction:** This world is full of empty promises. TV advertisements tell us we can be happy, healthy and fulfilled for just three easy payments of only \$19.95. It doesn't take long before you have been fooled enough to know that the world's promises are full of emptiness. Instead of promises full of emptiness God gave us emptiness full of promise.

## I. An Empty \_\_\_\_\_

- A) There were 3 crosses on that hill - “The Skull.”
- B) Note the middle one (Luke 23:33-35).
- C) There was no question Jesus was dead.
- D) That cross, empty of Jesus body is full of God's promises (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 1 John 4:10).

## II. An Empty \_\_\_\_\_

- A) At the break of dawn the women went to the tomb.
- B) The world is full of empty promises but the fact that the tomb was empty assures us that God's promises are real.
- C) Jesus is alive raised by the power of God!
- D) In His death Satan gave Jesus a bruised heal and in resurrecting from the dead He crushed the head of Satan (Gen. 3:15).

## III. Empty \_\_\_\_\_

- A) After the angel spoke to the women they immediately went back to tell the disciples (John 20:1-10).
- B) Jesus then appeared to Mary (John 20:11-18).
- C) Jesus is alive!
- D) The cross couldn't hold Him, the tomb couldn't contain Him, the grave clothes were unnecessary.

## IV. An Empty \_\_\_\_\_

- A) We're not talking about hollow chocolate bunnies & unfilled plastic eggs.
- B) Religious aspects of this holiday lack the substance of divine instruction.
- C) Many empty promises that make people “feel good” about serving God.
- D) Jesus is looking for true sacrificial living (Luke 9:23)
  1. Romans 12:1-2
  2. Remember Christ each first day of the week (1 Cor. 15:3-4; Acts 17:30-31; 1 Peter 1:3-9).

## V. An Empty \_\_\_\_\_

- A) We too can live (1 Cor. 15:12-20; Colossians 1:26-27).
- B) We can live by His grace and mercy (Ephesians 2:4-10; Rom. 6:4-5; 1 Peter 3:21).

**Conclusion:** The emptiness of Easter is what makes it so full. These are promises of the fullness we can obtain only in Christ. Are you willing to empty yourself of your personal desires and self assurance and be filled up in serving Jesus Christ?

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