

THE TRANSFORMING POWER **OF THE EMPTY TOMB**

Luke 24:36-49

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"Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen." Luke 24:5-6

How can the empty tomb of Jesus transform your life today?

1. The empty tomb says you can be forgiven.

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

Luke 24:46-47

A. Jesus had to suffer, die, and rise to pay for your sins.

And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

Luke 24:25-26

B. You have to repent to experience this amazing grace.

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

2. The empty tomb says you can have purpose.

"You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:48

A. Every Christian has a wonderful job from the Lord.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

B. Every Christian is called to shine and share.

3. The empty tomb says you can have Christ live in you.

"And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Luke 24:49

A. Christ comes to live in you when you repent and believe.

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:13-14

B. Christ comes to live through you when you yield to Him.

How will you respond to Jesus?