

The Empty Tomb Marks A New Beginning

John 20:1-11 (NKJV)

The Empty Tomb

20 Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went **to the tomb** early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken **away from the tomb**. ² Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord **out of the tomb**, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

³ Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going **to the tomb**. ⁴ So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came **to the tomb** first. ⁵ And he, **stooping down and looking in**, saw the linen cloths lying *there*; yet he **did not go in**. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and **went into the tomb**; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*, ⁷ and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who came **to the tomb** first, **went in also**; and **he saw and believed**. ⁹ For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must **rise again from the dead**. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood **outside by the tomb** weeping, and as she wept, she stooped down *and looked into the tomb*.

- Nobody in it.
- No *body* in it!!

1. Jesus was **buried** because He **died**.

John 19:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

John 19:38-42 (NKJV)

Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb

³⁸ After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away **the body of Jesus**; and Pilate gave *him* permission. So, he came and took **the body of Jesus**. ³⁹ And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ Then they took **the body of Jesus** and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is **to bury**. ⁴¹ Now in the place where **He was crucified** there was **a garden, and in the garden a new tomb** in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² **So there they laid Jesus**, because of the Jews' Preparation *Day*, for **the tomb** was nearby.

2. Jesus **died** so we could **live**.

1 Corinthians 15:3 (NKJV)

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 11:25-26 (NKJV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

3. Jesus left the tomb **empty** to make our lives **full**.

Matthew 28:6 (NKJV)

⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

John 10:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

4. Jesus' resurrection marks a **new beginning!**

A. For the **Jewish** religion

B. For the **first** disciples

John 2:22 (NKJV)

²² Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, **His disciples remembered** that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

C. For **every** Believer

Luke 22:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* **the new covenant** in My blood, which is shed for you.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new.**

D. For **Heaven** and the entire **Earth**

Revelation 21:1 (NKJV)

21 Now I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea.

Revelation 21:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Zechariah 12:10-14 (NKJV)

Mourning for the Pierced One

¹⁰ "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. ¹¹ In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹² And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³ the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴ all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.