

*THE WONDER OF THE EMPTY TOMB*

*Mark 16:1-8*

# I. THE LOVING PROJECT

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*1...Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices...*

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*1...so that they might come and anoint Him.*

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*2 Very early on the first day of the week they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.*

## II. THE CHALLENGING PROBLEM

*3 They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”*

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*4 Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.*

*Matt 28:2–4 - ...behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. 3 And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.*

### III. THE SHOCKING PRONOUNCEMENT

*5 Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right...*

*Mark 9:3 - and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them.*

*Matt 28:3 - And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.*

*Luke 24:3–4 - ...when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing...*



### III. THE SHOCKING PRONOUNCEMENT

*5...and they were amazed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.*

*Mark 8:31 - ...He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*

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- II. THE CHALLENGING PROBLEM
- III. THE SHOCKING PRONOUNCEMENT
  
- IV. THE REASSURING PROMISE

*7 “But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’”*

*Mark 14:28 - But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.*

*1 Cor 15:6 - After that He appeared to more than **five hundred** brethren at one time...*

***Matt 28:16–20** - But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.... **18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...*

*8 They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

*Matt 28:8 – ...they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.*

# 1. THE LORD IS A FORGIVING GOD

*William Barclay: It was characteristic of Jesus that He thought, not of the wrong Peter had done Him....Jesus was far more eager to comfort the penitent sinner than to punish the sin.*

*Pro 28:13 - He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.*

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2. SUNDAY IS THE CHRISTIAN'S DAY OF WORSHIP

*Heb 10:25 – (do not forsake) our own assembling together, as is the habit of some...*

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*Rom 1:4 - (Jesus) was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead...*

*1 Cor 15:20 - But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.*

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4. **THE RESURRECTION IS EMBRACED BY FAITH**

*Matt 28:13, 15 – 13...You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' ... 15 And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.*



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