



The Empty Tomb & the Endless Hope

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The Hope Experiment



The Endless Hope

1. Springs from the Empty Tomb
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Luke 24:21 *But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.*



Islam
(Muhammad)

Buddhism
(Gautama Buddha)

Founders

Judaism
(Abraham)

Christianity
(Jesus Christ)

“I’ve been used for many years to study the histories of other times and to examine and weigh the evidence of those who have written about them. I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort than Christ's death and resurrection from the dead”

Professor Thomas Arnold



“Raking all the evidence together, it is not too much to say that there is no historic incident better or more variously supported than the resurrection of Christ.”

Brooke Westcott

Heb 2:14 *Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,*

Heb 2:15 *and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.*

2 Tim 1:10

“but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,”

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GUNMEN ON BIKES **KILL** AT LEAST 20 ON PALM SUNDAY

Nigeria's Christians on edge for Easter after Palm Sunday massacre
A local human rights lawyer says no Christian holiday 'has escaped an attack by radical Islamists or terrorists in Nigeria'



A photograph of an empty tomb. The interior of the tomb is dark and textured with rough stone walls. A large, smooth, light-colored stone is rolled away from the entrance on the right. Through the opening, a bright sunrise or sunset illuminates a landscape. In the distance, three crosses are visible on a hill against a sky of orange and red. The overall scene is symbolic of new life and resurrection.

2 Cor 4:7-18

Endless Hope Stands Firm in Suffering

Rom 4:25 “...and was raised because of our justification.”

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Rom 5:3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

Rom 5:4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

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1 Cor. 15:40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.

1 Cor 15:41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

1 Cor 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;

1 Cor 15:43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

1 Cor 15:44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

1 Cor 15:46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

1 Cor 15:47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.

1 Cor 15:48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.

1 Cor 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.



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I Cor 15:50-55

... Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope