

The "Empty" Promises of Easter

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

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Introduction:

- A. Paul Harvey told a story of a boy named _____.
 - 1. The boy's egg was _____, because Jesus' tomb was _____.
- B. We have grown cynical about _____, because they are often _____ promises.
- C. What I want us to see in Easter is the emptiness that is full of _____.

I. The Empty _____.

- A. The Crucifixion - Mark 15:22-30, 33-38
- B. Why did Jesus die on the cross? John 3:16; 1 Peter 2:24
- C. The Burial - Mark 15:42-27
- D. The promise of the empty cross is that we stand _____ (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:26-28; Romans 5:8).

II. The Empty _____.

- A. The Resurrection - Luke 24:1-12.
- B. The empty tomb has remained empty for almost _____ years.
- C. The promise of the empty tomb is that we will also be _____ from the _____ (Jn. 11:25-26; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:13-14, 16-18).

III. The Empty _____ _____.

- A. The Bible records these details - Luke 24:12; John 20:6-8.
- B. The promise of the empty burial cloths is that the resurrection of Jesus is _____ - something we can put our _____ and _____ in.

Conclusion:

- A. Many people have literally tossed aside God's wonderful _____, because they don't understand them, or don't believe they are possible, or are somehow disappointed with God.
- B. Easter time, more than any other time of the year, we are challenged to consider God's _____ promises.
- C. The message of Easter and of Jesus is a message of _____.

Answer Key: Intro. A. Philip. A.1. empty, empty. B. promises, empty. C. promise. I. Cross. I.D. forgiven. II. Tomb. II.B. 2000. II.C. raised, dead. III. Burial, Cloths. III.B. real, faith, hope. Concl.A. promises. B. outlandish. C. hope.