The “Empty” Promises of Easter

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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 _________.
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 _________.
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 ________.