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The Gospel of Jesus Christ

A. The Preaching of the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:1–2, NASB95 - ¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you....

B. The Priority of the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:3a, NASB95 - ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received....

C. The Particulars of the Gospel.

The Death of Christ (The debt of our sins has now been paid)

1 Corinthians 15:3b, NASB95 - ³ ...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...

The Burial of Christ (The Proof of His death—required for forgiveness)

1 Corinthians 15:4a, NASB95 - ⁴ and that He was buried...

The Resurrection of Christ (Our poof that the cross worked)

1 Corinthians 15:4b, NASB95 - ⁴ ...and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures....

D. The Proof of the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:5–10, NASB95 - ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred that remain...fallen asleep; ⁷...James...apostles; ⁸ and last of all...He appeared to me also. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ **But by the grace of God I am* what I am** and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

E. The Privilege of the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:11, NASB95 - ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

What is The Purpose of the EMPTY TOMB

1. It shouts that our **preaching is true**. (v. 14a)
2. It shouts that our **faith is valid**. (v. 14b)
3. It shouts that our **sins can be forgiven**. (v. 14-15)
4. It shouts that our own **resurrections are sure**. (v. 18 and v. 20ff)
5. It shouts that our **Living Christ is with us now**. (v. 19a)
6. It shouts that the **Gospel is to be desired**. (v. 19a)
7. It shouts that **Christ will reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords**.
(v. 25ff)

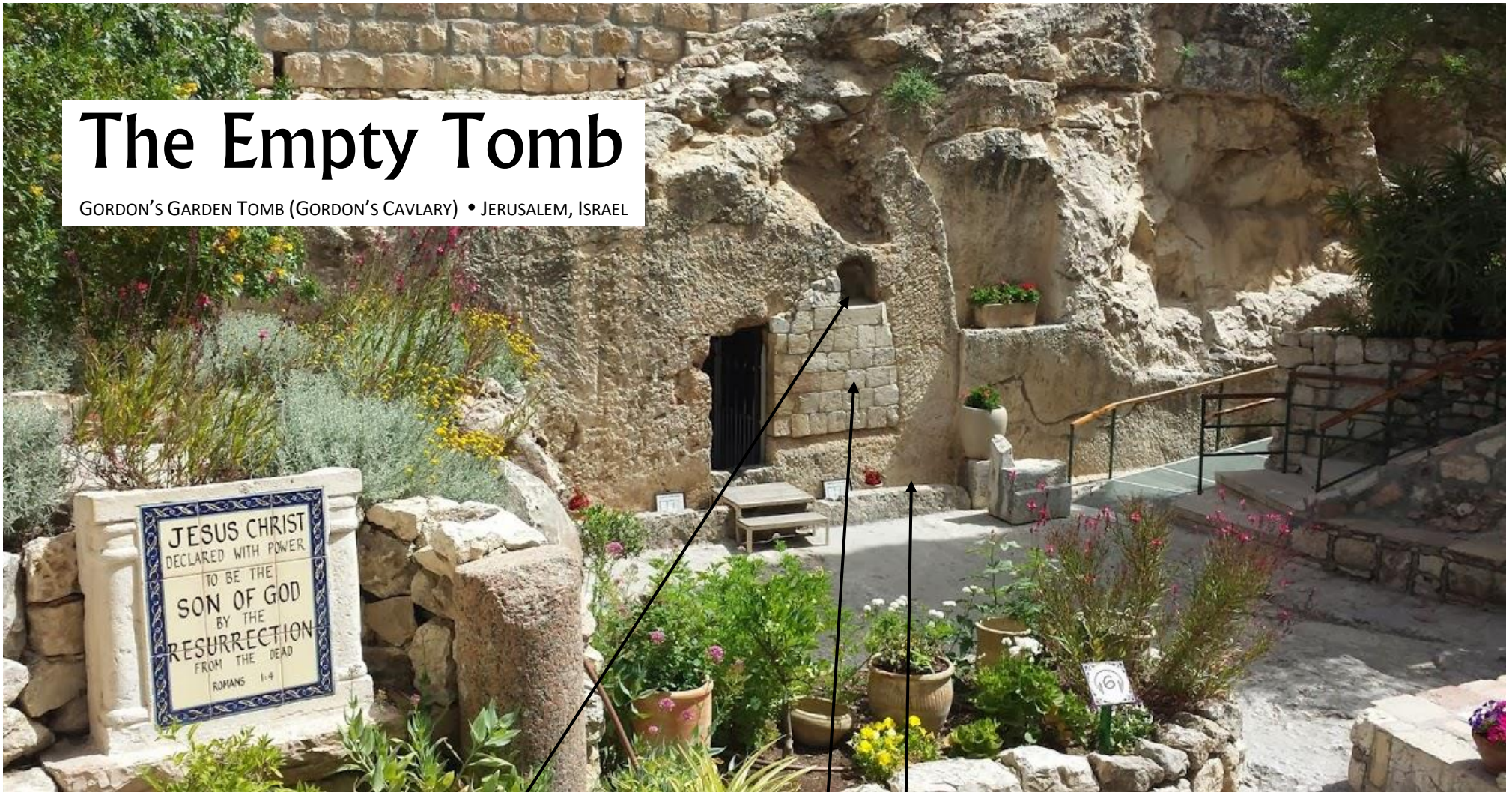


'By the grace of God'...I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be but Praise God, I am not yet what I will be, in the world to come.
 'By the grace of God'... Well, my memory is almost gone, so all I really know is this:
I am a great sinner and Christ is a Great Savior.

- John Newton

The Empty Tomb

GORDON'S GARDEN TOMB (GORDON'S CAVALRY) • JERUSALEM, ISRAEL



Notice the Distinctively Jewish *Nephesh* (soul) Window

through which the soul departed the body after the third day in the tomb (according to Jewish Tradition).

- An earthquake damaged the tomb which was repaired by the Byzantines.

Note:

- Notice the tack where the stone would be rolled away from the opening (The stone is missing today).

1. Within a few feet of the tomb are three Roman Water Cisterns (not pictured) indicating a wealthy man owned this property.
2. This tomb is consistent with tombs of Jesus' day and is harmonious with both the biblical and history record (descriptions).
3. Theologians and biblical archaeologists are not 100% sure this would have been the tomb of Jesus, but it is agreed that it is the most logical place. (NOTE: What is sacred is 'what happened' not, 'where it happened.' Though we would never *disrespect any place*—we cannot *worship a place*—including this place.)

Inside the Empty Tomb (notice, it's still empty) ↗

Jesus would have been laid in this section here
The weeping chamber

