

5-Day Devotional: The Promise Kept

Day 1: The Evidence of the Empty Tomb **Reading: Matthew 28:1-7** **Devotional:** The angel's declaration, "He is not here," confronts us with undeniable evidence. The empty tomb is not mythology but historical reality. Just as the Roman guards fell in fear while the women found hope, we face a choice: will we let skepticism paralyze us, or will faith move us forward? The grave could not contain Jesus, which means no darkness in your life is final. Whatever tomb-like situation you face today—grief, addiction, broken relationships, despair—remember that the same power that rolled away the stone can break open your sealed places. The evidence demands a verdict. What will yours be? **Reflection:** What "tomb" in your life needs the resurrection power of Christ?

Day 2: The Proof That Changes Everything **Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20** **Devotional:** Paul addresses the heart of Christianity: if Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile. The resurrection is not optional theology; it is the validation of everything Jesus claimed. It proves His divinity and confirms that His sacrifice was accepted by the Father. Without the resurrection, we remain in our sins, our preaching is worthless, and we are to be pitied. But because He lives, everything changes. You are not defined by your failures or sins but by His victory. The resurrection transforms your identity from condemned to justified, from dead to alive, from hopeless to hope-filled. This is the proof that anchors our faith. **Reflection:** How does the reality of the resurrection change how you view your present struggles?

Day 3: The Promise Keeper **Reading: John 14:1-6, 18-19** **Devotional:** "Just as He said"—these four words reveal the character of God. Jesus promised He would rise on the third day, and He did exactly that. God is a promise-keeper. If He kept this most impossible promise, He will keep His promises regarding your future, your resurrection, and His presence with you. Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Because I live, you also will live." Every promise in Scripture is backed by the integrity of the One who conquered death. When anxiety whispers that God has forgotten you, remember the empty tomb. The same faithfulness that raised Jesus will sustain you. **Reflection:** Which promise of God do you need to trust Him for today?

Day 4: Come and See—The Invitation to Investigate **Reading: John 20:1-10** **Devotional:** The invitation "come and see" disrupts our comfortable assumptions. Peter saw the linen cloths and analyzed the scene. John saw and believed. The resurrection invites investigation, not blind faith. Notice the details: the grave clothes left behind, the head cloth folded separately. When Lazarus was raised, he came out still bound. But Jesus left the grave clothes behind because death could not hold Him. This same Jesus invites you to move from casual observation to careful examination to confident belief. Christianity stands on evidence that can be investigated. Draw closer. Look more carefully. Move from seeing with your eyes to perceiving with your heart to believing with your whole being. **Reflection:** Are you willing to move from curiosity about Jesus to committed faith in Him?

Day 5: Go and Tell—Living as Resurrection People **Reading: Matthew 28:16-20** **Devotional:** The women at the tomb received a commission: "Go quickly and tell." The resurrection is not meant to be kept secret but proclaimed boldly. Because Christ is risen, we live without fear and with total confidence in the risen King. Death is defeated. New life is available. We are called to walk in newness of life, leaving fear behind. You have been given the same assignment as those first witnesses: tell others what you have seen and experienced. The resurrection is not just historical fact for intellectual assent; it is transformative power for daily living. Let your life be marked by resurrection hope, resurrection joy, and resurrection courage. You serve a living Savior. **Reflection:** Who needs to hear the good news of the resurrection from you today?