

"The Empty Tomb"

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John 11:25-26(NIV) Jesus told Martha, Lazarus's sister, " I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Are we Joyeous today? Are you celebrating with enthusiasm to your Heavenly Father that our Savior is ALIVE? Or are we trapped in this world and in the problems with doubt and fear like so many unbelievers. This is our special day as Christians where we are born again with Jesus because without his resurrection he would have been just another prophet or a real good motivational speaker.

What does the Empty Tomb Mean?

Validation of the Tora and the Messianic Prophecies some of these came 700 years before the birth of Jesus...

Isaiah 7:14(NIV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Luke 1:31-35(NIV) You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of The Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his Kingdom will never end. "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will Come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Jeremiah 31:31(NIV) Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Matthew 26:28(NIV) For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Psalms 22:1(NIV) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

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Mark 15:34(NIV) *And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?")*

Isaiah 53:4-6(NIV) *Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

John 19:33-34(NIV) *But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.*

Resurrection Prophecy by Jesus while he was amongst us; when he was confronted by the Pharisee's asking him to prove that he was the Messiah. We turn to:

John 2:19(NIV) *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."*

Matthew 12:38-40(NIV) *Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you." He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."*

This triumph over death is the proof we need as Christians that he was who he said he was and that he has authority over everything even Satan. The greatest thing that mankind fears he conquered! In fact he tells us that in:

Revelation 1:17-18(NIV) *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and of Hades."*

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So its time now to Rejoice and Celebrate because we that repent of our Sins and believe Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior have received Salvation and will be with Jesus no matter what happens to our Earthly bodies. So proclaim to the world that we are different and do Not fear because we are on TEAM JESUS.