

**John 19:38-
20:18**

**The Tomb
Is Empty!**



1. The Burial of Jesus

a) The Bad News

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Reasons We Think Jesus's Death Was a Good Thing

1. That's how he paid the penalty for our sin.
 2. That's how he made it possible for us to have a relationship with God now and for eternity.
 3. That's where he destroyed the power of Satan and the power of death.
- ▶ They didn't know any of these things.

1. The Burial of Jesus

a) The Bad News

- ▶ Jesus was dead.

b) The Good News

- ▶ Jesus got a decent burial.
- ▶ That means that there was a tomb that could be empty later on.

2. The Empty Tomb

a) The Bad News

- ▶ The tomb was empty.

b) The Good News

- ▶ What they saw inside the tomb.
- ▶ It narrows down the possibilities for what happened to the body.

John 20:8 - Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

3. The Appearance to Mary

a) The Good News

- ▶ Mary saw Jesus alive.

b) The Bad News

John 20:17 - Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. God instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

What can we take away from this story?

1. This story helps to put our faith on solid ground.
 - ▶ The empty tomb.
 - ▶ The resurrection appearance.
 - ▶ One of the key witnesses was a woman.
2. This story makes all of the difference when it comes to our biggest problems: the problem of sin and the problem of death.

How to become a Christian:

1. Recognize how bad your sin is.
2. Repent of your sin (make a firm decision to stop doing the sin that you're doing).
3. Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose again, asking him to forgive you.
4. Commit your life to Jesus.

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3. This story makes all the difference when it comes to any other problem we are facing.