

I Believe That The Tomb Was Found Empty

John 20:1-10
Song # 413

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- Jesus was confessed to be the Christ, the son of God. Matthew 16:16; John 1:49; 11:27
- Jesus claimed to be the Christ, the Son of God. John 4:25; 5:17-18; 8:58; 10:30-33
- Father claimed Jesus to be His Son. Matthew 3:17; 17:5

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- His deity was made known by the resurrection. Romans 1:3-4
 - Affirmed everything that was claimed about Him.

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- **Fulfilled the prophecy of David!** Psalms 16:8-10
 - Quoted by Peter. Acts 2:24-32, 36
 - Coming of the Holy Spirit affirms Jesus' claim. Necessary for Jesus to return to the Father. John 16:7ff; cf. Luke 24:39; John 20:24-29
 - Quoted by Paul. Acts 13:30-35

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- **Fulfilled the promises of Christ!**
 - Early Judean ministry. John 2:19-22
 - Nearly 3 years later this formed the basis for one of the charges against Jesus. Matthew 27:40
 - Galilean ministry. (2nd year of His ministry.) Matthew 12:39-40; 16:13-21; 17:9, 22-23
 - Perea ministry (beyond the Jordan). Matthew 20:19-20
 - Night of His betrayal. Matthew 26:32



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■ The Nature Of The Tomb.

- New. Luke 23:53; John 19:41
- Cut from solid rock. Matthew 27:60; Mark 15:46
- Sealed with a great stone. Mark 16:4; Matthew 27:62-66; cf. Mark 16:3
- Note the contents of the tomb. Luke 24:12; John 20:6-7

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■ Where is the body?

- Disciples did not steal the body. Matthew 27:62-66
- Jews did not steal the body. Matthew 27:62-64
 - Note: Their silence in Acts 2.
- Romans did not steal the body. Matthew 28:11-15; Acts 16:27

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■ Testimony of the witnesses.

- Angels. *"He is not here, but is risen."* Luke 24:6
- Mary Magdalene. Mark 16:9 (1st); John 20:14-18 (2nd)
- Other women. Matthew 28:9; cf. 28:6
- Simon (Cephas) Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
- To the two on the way to Emmaus. Luke 24:13

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■ Testimony of the witnesses.

- The disciples (Thomas was absent). John 20:19-23
- 500 brethren at once. 1 Corinthians 15:6
- James. 1 Corinthians 15:7
- *"All the apostles."* 1 Corinthians 15:7 (after 8 days, included Thomas, John 20:26-29)
- Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two others at the sea of Tiberias. John 21:1-14

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■ Testimony of the witnesses.

- The eleven. (giving of the great commission in Galilee) Matthew 28:16-20
- The eleven. (at Jerusalem) Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8
- The eleven on Matthew of Olives. (ascension) Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11

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■ Testimony of the witnesses.

- Last of all to Paul. 1 Corinthians 15:8; cf. Acts 9:1-9



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- **Proved resurrection a reality!**
Matthew 28:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- **Made justification for man possible!**
1 Corinthians 15:16-17
- **Guarantees a righteous judgment!**
Acts 17:30-31
- **Gives us hope!**
1 Peter 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58



Yes, ... I Believe That The Tomb Was Found Empty

"He is not here, but is risen." Luke 24:6

"Yes, I believe in the One they called Jesus, I believe He died on Mount Calvary; And I believe that the tomb was found empty, And I believe that He's the answer for me." Song #413