

Behold the Empty Tomb

Easter 2018 – Pastor Gary Combs – March 31 & April 1, 2018 – Matthew 28:1-10

Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV) ¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

When we rightly behold the empty tomb, we can ...

1. _____ **because of Jesus.**

Mark 5:36 (ESV) But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (ESV) "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. _____ **others about Jesus.**

Mark 16:15 (GW) Then Jesus said to them, "So wherever you go in the world, tell everyone the Good News.

3. _____ **to face Jesus.**

Luke 12:40 (ESV) You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.