



The Message of the Tomb

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

What's the message we discover from the empty tomb?

1. Jesus gives us _____ for fear. (v5)
 - The stone didn't need to be moved to let Jesus _____, it was so that they could _____ in and _____ the empty tomb.
2. _____ to believe. (v6)
 - Romans 4:25-5:2
 - Ephesians 2:8-9
 - It's not _____ upon our _____ or _____
3. _____ to share (v7)
 - Acts 17:31
 - Matthew 28:19
4. Purpose to _____
 - Luke 24:15-34
 - Luke 24:51-53

Start talking.

- What do you like to first thing Sunday morning? Why?
- Of “all the news that’s fit to print,” what section of the newspaper do you read first?
- Which do you believe more: What you hear? What you see? What you want?

Start thinking.

- Who visits the tomb? When? Why now?
- How were they feeling on their way to the tomb?
- What problems do they expect to confront?
- How do you think they felt as they left the tomb? As they met Jesus?
- Why do you think Jesus appeared to these women before he appeared to his own disciples?

Start sharing.

- How did the reality of Jesus’ resurrection “dawn” upon you? Were you more of a “quick believer” or a “slow doubter”? Why?
- In what ways can you fulfill the Great Commission in the context of your family? Work? Community? What hope does this passage give you as you seek to follow Jesus?

Start praying. *Be bold and pray with power.*

God, help me in moments of fear, unbelief, and doubt. Help me to believe, and share my belief as it transforms my life so that my life is a constant rejoicing as I move from Good Friday moments of life into Easter celebration.

Start doing. *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- Pray daily for God to reveal Himself to you and one other person you choose to pray for.
- Pray for God’s filling in your life and ask God to overflow His abundant love to those you encounter.