

## The empty tomb

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### Introduction

1. Matthew 28:1-8
2. We must go back to the fundamentals of Christianity.
3. These fundamentals center around Christ and Him crucified
4. Many are trying to take away the empty tomb Romans 1:4
5. The church of the first century preached this theme, what would be recorded of our sermons today?
6. The empty tomb proves that Christ is the Son of God Romans 1:4
7. The invitation to come see the place where they laid the Savior is still open for us today Matthew 28:6
8. What do we see as we gaze into the open, empty tomb?

### II Discussion

1. Those who look into the tomb will see submission and sacrifice.
  1. He came to do His Father's will John 5:30; Matthew 26:39 Hebrews 5:8-9
  2. He came to offer himself for us Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 9:23-28; 10:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Acts 20:28; 2 Corinthians 5:21
  3. We need to be like Christ since He is our example 1 Peter 2:21; Philippians 2:5; Matthew 16:24
  4. What do we seek to satisfy self or God? Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 5:3
2. When we come to the open, empty tomb we see the horrible consequence of sin
  1. The sins that crucified Christ are still present today. Some of those sins are cowardice, religious prejudice, lying, covetousness, indifference, fickleness, ignorance, envy, despising good Hebrews 6:6; 10:29
  2. These and other sins separate us from God Isaiah 59:1-2
  3. The price of sin is it worth it? Romans 6:23
  4. It may appear so Hebrews 11:25 ask David or Adam
  5. Christ took on our sins so that we might have salvation 2 Corinthians 5:21
3. The empty tomb should end religious error.
  1. Unity is based on Christ John 17:20-21
  2. Any unity based on any other idea would be union and not unity!
4. The tomb is still empty!
  1. The empty tomb cannot be answered.
  2. Men may try but no proof is given.
  3. The empty tomb proves:
    1. There will be a judgement
    2. That God exist
    3. God is powerful Acts 17:30-31

### III Conclusion

1. The invitation is still the same today as it was in the first century.
2. Only by this tomb being empty can we have sin taken away.
3. Sins is taken away the same today and it was then.
4. Obey today

Source: Sermon preached in 1989