

“Empty Promises”

Matthew 28:1-10

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Introduction

We usually do not like empty things of emptiness...

The Good News of the Gospel is however different...

1. The Promise of the empty _____!

Philippians 2:7 – “rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

Matthew 28:5-6 – “⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

Luke 9:23 – “²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

John 10:10 – “¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

2. The Promise of the empty _____!

I Corinthians 15:3-4 – “³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,”

Colossians 2:13-14 – “¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.”

3. The Promise of the empty _____.

I Corinthians 15:55-57 – “⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Psalms 16:10 – “¹⁰because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.”