

Come, See. Go, Tell.

“He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead...” (Matt. 28:6-7).

“The pyramids of Egypt are famous because they contained the mummified bodies of ancient Egyptian kings. Westminster Abbey in London is renowned, because in it rests the bodies of English nobles and notables. Mohammad's tomb is noted for the stone coffin and the bones it contains. The Taj Majal was built as a memorial to a wife of one of India's Shahs. Arlington cemetery in Washington, D.C., is revered, for it is the honored resting place of many outstanding Americans. The garden tomb of Jesus is famous not because of what is inside, but because it is empty!”¹

The tomb of Jesus Christ was only a 15-minute walk from the center of Jerusalem so the empty tomb could have easily been confirmed or disproved by anyone who went to inspect it. The unbelieving Jewish leaders were unable to disprove the fact that the tomb was empty, so they bribed the Roman guards to lie and say that Christ's disciples stole the body (Matt. 28:11-15).

Further, after Christ arose, the apostles did not immediately travel to far-off Athens or Rome to preach that Christ had risen from the dead. Instead, they stayed and preached in Jerusalem (Acts 2:5-32; 3:1-15), the very city where, if what they were proclaiming about the resurrection and the empty tomb was false, it could have been easily refuted.

The only explanation for the empty tomb is the truth of Scripture: Christ, Who promised to rise again, rose again, “as He said” (Matt. 28:6 cf. 20:17-19).

It's been said well that “No tabloid will ever print the startling news that the mummified body of Jesus of Nazareth has been discovered in old Jerusalem. Christians have no carefully embalmed body enclosed in a glass case to worship...we have an empty tomb. The glorious fact that the empty tomb proclaims to us is that life for us does not stop when death comes. Death is not a wall, but a door.”²

“Come, see” was the invitation (Matt. 28:6). On resurrection morning, an angel “rolled back the stone from the door” (v. 2) of the tomb. The angel did not move the stone to let Christ **out**; he moved the stone to let the world **in**, so anyone could see that He rose from the dead.

Even today, the invitation for the resurrection is the same, "Come, see." Read and examine the Scriptures, and you will find that the tomb is empty. Come, see the miracle, power, and truth of Christ's resurrection, **and believe it**. Christ was raised to show that He fully paid the price for all our sins at the Cross (Rom. 4:25). The work of salvation is complete! When you trust that Christ died for your sins and rose again, you are saved from all your sins and have the gift of eternal life (1 Cor. 15:3-4; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 1:13; 2:8-9).

Then the instruction is also the same as what the angel told the women at the empty tomb, "Go...tell" (Matt. 28:7). Tell others the good news. Don't keep the truth to yourself. Go and tell others about the Savior, that He lives and that He saves!

—Pastor Kevin Sadler

1. "Why the Tomb Is Famous," Ministry 127, accessed January 25, 2023, <https://ministry127.com/resources/illustration/why-the-tomb-is-famous>.

2. Peter Marshall, Goodreads, accessed January 25, 2023, <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/560240-no-tabloid-will-ever-print-the-startling-news-that-the>.

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