

CCC Message Notes

The Empty Tomb - John 20:1-10

Confusion & Hope Collide When It's Discovered Jesus' Body Isn't There

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THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

An empty tomb begs the question concerning the location of the body.

APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Remember the chaos that accompanied the news of Jesus' body not being where everyone thought it would be & take heart whenever you're confused.

FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

So many times in the Bible we see those in the middle of the stories being totally oblivious to what's really going on. (Of course we're never oblivious to anything!) God's & heaven's point of view are often vastly different than ours & earth's :-) ... thankfully :-) ... which always calls us to remember there's always more. Always. More. Always.

The women along with Peter & John are the first to the empty tomb. News spreads quickly that Jesus' body was missing. Of course soon the risen & soon to ascend Jesus would appear dispelling all doubt. But, at the beginning of this chapter, all we've got is an empty tomb. And lots of questions. And much chaos. And plenty of confusion. And a bunch of speculation.

All that sound familiar? Sure it does. With you I thank God He meets us in the middle of it all whenever we sincerely look to Him.

Lessons from the Empty Tomb

1. Our perspective is often LIMITED by PRESUPPOSITIONS.

Presuppositions often blur if not blind us to the ultimate realities.

John 20:1-2

2. MANY TIMES we DON'T HAVE the WHOLE STORY.

There's usually way more to every story way beyond our knowledge of it.

John 20:3-9

3. OFTEN we don't UNDERSTAND SOMETHING

not because we're IGNORANT but UNINFORMED.

There's a difference between being ignorant & unformed. Keep learning!

John 20:10

Making It Real Questions

- * What presuppositions might you need to jettison these days?
- * Are you convinced there's always more to the story than we know?
- * Will you seek to keep gaining knowledge & insight concerning God & His ways?

Action Step

Ask God if there are any limitations you're putting on situations in your life where you don't see how anything could work out for the best. Pray with faith & hope in light of what was really going on in this story that they all were missing.