

THE NOT QUITE EMPTY TOMB

— John 20:1-9 —

Some facts surrounding the resurrection. . .

* The tomb of Jesus was as secure as humans could make it

Four physical aspects of the tomb were given special attention:

1. The _____
2. The _____
3. The _____
4. The _____

* On that first Easter morning, some things were missing from the tomb

1. The _____
2. The _____
3. The _____

* However, do not overlook the fact that one thing was **NOT** missing from the tomb

It was not QUITE empty!

— Verses 3-8

How about you? Do you “SEE” today?

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. What was the most incredible event you have ever seen? Convince your small group it really happened. What difficulties do you experience in the retelling of your eyewitness accounts?
3. Who did Jesus send to you to tell you He had risen? Did you have trouble believing? How were you finally convinced of Jesus' resurrection?
4. Immediately after the events of this chapter (John 20), if you talked with disciple Thomas (vss. 24-29) and asked him to define the word *faith*, how do you think he would have answered?
5. Think carefully about Luke 16:27-31. What conclusions can you draw about the *purpose* and *power* of Scripture, and the human response to it?
6. Since lack of knowledge was not the brothers' problem (Lk 16:27-31), what was? How do you see that tendency in yourself?