

THE EMPTY PROMISES OF EASTER

1. THE EMPTY CROSS PROMISES FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)

2. THE EMPTY CLOTHES PROMISE FAITH.

So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. (John 19:40)

for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. (John 20:9)

And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. (John 20:5-7)

Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; (John 20:8)

3. THE EMPTY CAVE PROMISES ETERNAL LIFE.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:5-6)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:14)

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. (John 6:47)

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. (Romans 6:8-10 NLT)

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)