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## EDITORIAL

### THE EMPTY TOMB

The heart-rending scene of the crucifixion of the Son of God had taken place outside the wall of the city of Jerusalem. His body had been committed to Joseph of Arimathea and he with Nicodemus, who had brought a hundred-weight mixture of myrrh and aloes, wound it in linen clothes with the spices. Now in the garden, near where he was crucified, there was a new sepulchre, wherein was man never yet laid. There they laid Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

The Jews in fear of some plot by his disciples, prevailed with the Roman governor to have the sepulchre sealed and a watch set. But what are seals and human watchers in the face of glory that accompanied His resurrection. The seal was broken, the stone rolled back, the watchers became as dead men, and the tomb was empty. The grave clothes were lying where Jesus had come out of them, but the napkin which was about his head was folded and lying by itself. The angel answered the women in their perplexity: "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay.

The empty tomb reveals to us the power of God over nature. At the time of the resurrection, there was a great earthquake that broke the Roman seal, and rolled back the stone from the entrance to the tomb, many graves of the saints were opened. Nature was convulsed at His death and also at His resurrection. God one day will destroy this world with fire, and create new heavens and a new earth.

The empty tomb speaks to us of the power of God over the powers of darkness. The Scripture speaking of this great event says of Jesus, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy one to see corruption." It was the same body, the same soul that was resurrected on that third appointed morning.

The empty tomb assures us of the final redemption of our bodies. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." 1 Cor. 15:22-23.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with

them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thess. 4:16-17-18. How wonderful the plan of God for His own.

The empty tomb confirms the truth of the promise of God. He has promised to make alive those who are dead in trespasses and sins, and if Christ is not risen, then our hope is vain, we are yet in our sins. Thank God, Jesus conquer death, and has made it possible that all men everywhere can be redeemed from the power of sin for time and eternity. Glory be to God, for a power that can cleanse the soul of man from all sin, and prepare him to live in this world ready for death or the coming of Jesus.

### THE GLORY OF THE FUTURE LIFE

Fred M. Weatherford

Job once asked the question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Christ, in addressing His disciples on one occasion, made known to them and to all Christendom the reply to this question, when He said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

The resurrection of Christ bridges the gap across the transient scenes of time, to a world gilded with immortal glory and imperishable duration. He said, "I am the resurrection and the life," and, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever more."

Easter was the climax of millenniums in the divine economy. It was an effort to re-fashion the spiritual mold of mankind and place him again in that seraphic atmosphere of eternal perfection. That day fulfilled prophecy. All the sacred annals of heaven's library were opened to the reading world when Calvary's tomb yielded its prey, in fulfillment of centuries standing. That day brought to view the fruits of the Christian dead, and inserted a marker of brilliant radiance in the catalog of the living. It erected a perpetual beacon to direct man's steps out of darkness and spiritual decay. It gives an unmitigated assurance of faith in His promise, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

The whole prophetic and gospel fabric is so interlaced with the resurrection truth as to make it inseparable from the plan of divine revelation. The New Testament writers alone make nearly one hundred references to this cardinal doctrine. The resurrection is the seal of Christ's claim, "I am the resurrection and the life."

It was on the cross that He opened up a provisory haven, whereby men might come with their certificates of faith, and realize upon the values extended to them, as the only remedy of a sin-blighted world for redemption.

Amid the well beaten paths that lead and mislead, there is an index finger at the cross-road of every moral crisis that signals for attention, pointing to the solution of all human imperilment.

Our sins committed us to the devil's pawnshop. But Christ came to pay the ransom with the sacrifice of His own blood.

Christ challenged His opponents by declaring, though they might destroy His temple of clay, notwithstanding He would raise it up in three days, and the devil's crowd that sealed Him in His tomb one day, was kicked out by the angel of deliverance the third day.

Christ arose, and there was written over the empty tomb in ineffaceable letters, the

promise, "Because I live, ye shall live also." It fashioned in the eternal horizon, before the Christian's gaze, a rainbow resplendent with the glory of an immortal hue. For in the resurrection of Christ the empire of death surrendered its keys, and Christ ascended from the depths of His ministry to the lowest sinner, with the keys of death hanging to the girdle of His eternal triumph. It was in the process of His death that the sting of death exercised its last crusade; for it was here that the wasp of death lost his stinger. The immortal redeemed can now vision and experience their triumph through the valley shadowed by death. We can now say, with the psalmist, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."

From the greatest conflict of the universe, Christ came forth unshackled, with the golden trophy of immortal life, and cried aloud, "All hail!" "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever more." And He was quick to assure His followers of that truth that glitters like a diamond, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

That creed which has for its only hope sobs of despair at the tomb of a dead Christ, is only the announcement of the abysmal misery of eternal night. Without a resurrected Redeemer we are destitute of God's antidote to the chilling waters by which mortality is silenced in death. But from the resurrection of Christ, we date the epochal day of all history, indeed a day so pronounced in its epoch making, as to annul all history, if it be not an established fact.—Herald of Holiness.

## OBITUARY

Eulah Benson

The funeral service of Eulah Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Benson, of Seal Cove, was held at their home on Saturday afternoon April 1st.

Eulah was called away at the age of eleven years. She had been in failing health for several months previous to her death. She leaves to mourn, besides her parents, one brother and five sisters.

The service was conducted by the writer, and several beautiful hymns were sung by the church choir.

The sorrowing ones are consoled in knowing this child had a real faith in Jesus.

F. A. DUNLOP

## TRIUMPHANT NOW!

J. E. Taylor

"All hail the resurrected Lord,"

Let angels chant the glorious strain,  
Triumphant now o'er every foe,

Once dead, but now He lives again.

In vain the watch, the stone, the seal,  
To hold Him in the tomb's embrace,  
No power can stay the Godhead's plan,  
To justify a sinful race.

The great seal breaks, the stone rolls back,

The keepers flee in sheer dismay,

The empty tomb now echoes back,  
"Come, see the place where Jesus lay."

Victorious now He lives above,

Redemption's plan is made complete,

He conquers sin, death and the grave,  
And treads the serpent under feet.

"Hail resurrected glorious Lord,"

We with the heavenly host would sing,

And join in songs of lofty praise,  
And glad hosannas to our King.

Hampton, N. H. —Herald of Holiness.