

The Tomb is *EMPTY!*

*If Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe.
And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins.
1 Corinthians 15:14,17*

But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death... 1 Corinthians 15:20

- "Tetelestai" means "It is finished" (John 19:28,30)

Four Pictures:

1. Servant –
2. Priest –
3. Merchants –
4. Artist –

Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Because the tomb is empty, God's power can...

1. Cancel your past

Ephesians 1:7 By the death of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God which He gave to us in such large measure! (GN)

Colossians 2:14-15 He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled our guilt; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

2. Conquer your problems

Ephesians 1:20 I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those who believe Him... the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead. (LB)

Philippians 4:13 I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. (LB)

3. Calm your panic

Isaiah 43:1-3 Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the LORD, your God... (NLT)

4. Carry your pain

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

5. Challenge your perceptions

Romans 8:28 And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into His plans. (LB)

6. Change your personality

2 Corinthians 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.

7. Confirm your path

Psalms 119:19 I am a pilgrim here on earth; I need a map – and Your commands are my chart and guide. (LB)

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

8. Certify your petitions

2 Corinthians 1:20 He (Jesus) carries out and fulfills all of God's promises, no matter how many of them there are. (LB)

Romans 8:34 ...Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

*Now we live with a wonderful expectation
because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead.
1 Peter 1:3 (NLT)*