



BIG QUESTION

Was the tomb really empty?

Josephus records the rule of his day: “Let not the testimony of women be admitted.” Yet all four Gospels say women found the tomb empty. Even the apostles thought their words were nonsense, until Peter and John ran to the tomb and saw the linen lying there.

Jesus's enemies never said the body was still there. The guards were paid to say, “His disciples came during the night and stole him away.” Fifty days later, Peter preached a short walk from the tomb. The historian Michael Grant judged that “the tomb was indeed found empty.”

**Think it through**

Answer in your own words.

1. All four Gospels say women found the tomb empty. Why does that point to the truth?

2. The guards were paid to say the body was stolen. What does that story admit?

3. Peter preached a short walk from the tomb. Why does that matter?

4. Why couldn't the women have gone to the wrong tomb?

Memory verse

**“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”**

1 Corinthians 15:20

Fill it in: “But _____ has indeed been
_____ from the _____, the firstfruits of
those who have fallen asleep.” 1 Corinthians 15:20

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. Which piece of evidence would you show a friend first?
2. Who could have emptied the tomb?
3. Jesus said he would rise on the third day. What does it mean that he did?



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