**Easter Sunday!**

**“The Beautiful Empty”**

*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.****2****They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,****3****but when they entered,* ***they did not find the body*** *of the Lord Jesus.*Luke 24:1-3

***4****While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.****5****In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?****6He is not here; he has risen****! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:****7****‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ”****8****Then they remembered his words.* Luke 24:4-6

Easter Acrostic: Why The Resurrection Is True:

 **E: Empty Tomb.**

 **A: Accounts** Were Written Early. 5k manuscripts.

 **S: Scriptural Messianic** Prophecies Fulfilled (300) during Jesus’ lifetime.

 **T: Transformed Lives:** Apostles. Disciples Wouldn’t Die For A Lie.

 **E: Extra-Biblical** Evidence. Josephus / Tacitus / Lucian

 **R: Resurrection** Appearances. 1 Cor 15

***9****When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.****10****It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.****11But they did not believe the women****, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.****12****Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.* Luke 24:9-12

***36****While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”* ***37****They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.* Luke 24:36-37

***38****He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and* ***why do doubts rise in your minds****?****39****Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”* ***40****When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.*

Luke 24:38-40

***41****And while* ***they still did not believe it*** *because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”****42****They gave him a piece of broiled fish,****43****and he took it and ate it in their presence.*

Luke 24:41-43

***44****He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”* ***45****Then* ***he opened their minds*** *so they could understand the Scriptures.* Luke 24:44-45

***46****He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,****47****and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.****48****You are witnesses of these things.****49****I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you* ***have been clothed with power from on high****.”* Luke 24:46-49

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