

THE EMPTY TOMB

Matthew 28:1-7

INTRO:

- A. "Easter" has its roots in paganism, apparently named after a goddess ("Eastre") worshipped in April.
- B. In spite of human traditions Jesus' resurrection is very real!

I. THE RESURRECTION!

- A. Spoken in prophecy. Psalm 16:9-11 (Acts 2:25-28)
- B. Actually happened. Matthew 28:1-6
 - 1. The guards bribed to lie. Matthew 28:11-15
- C. On the third day. Mark 10:34-35; I Cor. 15:1-4
- D. Seen by many witnesses. I Corinthians 15:5-8

II. IS IT IMPORTANT?

- A. It is proof of His deity. Romans 1:1-4
- B. Our faith is not in vain. I Corinthians 15:13-15
- C. A wasted life. I Corinthians 15:16-19
- D. He promised to return. John 14:1-3

III. A LIVING HOPE

- A. A living hope. I Peter 1:3-4
- B. Christ, the firstfruits. I Corinthians 15:20-23
 - 1. All will be raised. John 5:28-29
- C. Raised incorruptible. I Corinthians 15:51-52
- D. See Him, be like Him. I John 3:1-2

CONCLUSION:

- A. Disregard the human traditions and see the reality that Jesus was in fact raised from the dead.
- B. He pledges that we too will be raised to meet Him in judgment.
- C. Will you be raised to life or to condemnation?
- D. Won't you choose life today?