

JESUS IS THE SAVIOR

Jesus is the Risen Savior

“Because I live, you also will live.” – John 14:19

EMPTY

Finding something empty can leave you feeling a wide variety of emotions. When you have a craving for something sweet, you reach into the cookie jar to satisfy yourself. However, when all you find are crumbs, you feel _____. When you let your teenager use the car for the weekend and on Monday morning, when you are late for work and you see the fuel gauge on empty, you feel _____. When you prepare to pay bills and find your saving account is empty, you feel _____. When death has emptied your life of mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, child or best friend, you feel _____!

Perhaps you filled in the blanks with words such as *devastated, disappointed, frustrated, angry*. Finding something empty is usually never good. I do not think anyone has ever been happy finding an empty treasure chest. I do not think anyone working in the hot sun has felt overjoyed having an empty water bottle. I do not think waitressing for a table of six and find the tip tray empty has ever caused anyone to cry tears of happiness. To be honest, finding something empty is all of these—*devastating, disappointing, frustrating, anger provoking*!

That is—until this month! This March God’s Word once again leads us to Jesus’ tomb. It is here at Jesus’ tomb where we hear the angel proclaim, “He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him” (Mark 16:6). From reading the Bible, what do we find when we look into the tomb? We find it EMPTY!

Finding Jesus’ tomb empty can leave you feeling a wide variety of emotions. When your conscience condemns you because of your sins, knowing Jesus’ tomb is empty makes you feel _____. When you are bothered by the thought of dying and being placed in the ground, knowing Jesus’ tomb is empty gives you a feeling of _____. When you know that someday you will meet your Maker, knowing Jesus’ tomb is empty makes you feel _____!

Did you fill in those blanks with words such as *at peace, comforted, content, reassured, overjoyed, jubilant, relieved*?

To be honest, finding Jesus’ tomb empty brings to me all of the above! May Jesus’ empty tomb fill your heart with the same!

Enjoy finding your Savior’s tomb EMPTY this Easter!