

Introduction

- I. I Cor. 15:57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- II. Faith sees the resurrection of Jesus Christ as victory for the church.

The Empty Tomb

I. What Was Seen

- A. Early in the morning, women began their journey to Jesus' grave because they loved Jesus.
 1. Who went to the grave?

 2. These women came to the tomb early that morning because they loved Jesus.
- B. When they arrive at the tomb, they find the tomb open and an angel sitting on the stone.
 1. The text informs us how the stone was rolled away.

 2. The other thing they see is this angel sitting on the stone that was moved far away.

II. What Was Heard

- A. "Fear not." The angel commands them not to be afraid.
 1. The idea here is that the enemies of Christ should be afraid.

 2. But the child of God need not fear – women need not fear and you need not fear.
- B. This joy is experienced in the way of seeking Jesus – "ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is not here for He is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."
 1. These women sought Jesus.

 2. Then came the joyous news: "He is risen; He is not here, behold the place where they laid Him."

III. What This Means

- A. His resurrection is the proof of the victory over sin - do not fear sin or death.
 1. Do not fear sin - why?

 2. Don't be afraid of the power of sin - why?

 3. Do not fear death or suffering - why?
- B. This word of victory is also an admonition against all indifference to Him.