

“The Empty Tomb” (Matthew 28:1–15)

Easter Sunday Morning

Introduction: Friday Evening and the Sabbath (Matthew 27:55–66)

Big Idea: Jesus’ tomb is empty because he has risen from the dead.

- I. The Angel’s Announcement of the Empty Tomb (verses 1–8)
 - A. The Women’s Arrival after the Sabbath (verse 1)
Mark 16:1–3; Luke 24:10
 - B. The Angel’s Arrival at the Guarded Tomb (verses 2–4)
 - C. The Angel’s Message to the Fearful Women (verses 5–7)
Mark 16:4–5; Luke 24:2–5
 - D. The Women’s Departure from the Tomb (verse 8)
- II. Jesus’ Confirmation of the Empty Tomb (verses 9–10)
 - A. Jesus’ Unexpected Greeting (verse 9a)
 - B. The Women’s Affectionate Worship (verse 9b)
 - C. Jesus’ Repeated Consolations (verse 10)
Matthew 26:31–32
- III. The Guards’ Report of the Empty Tomb (verses 11–15)
 - A. The Guards’ Truthful Testimony to the Jewish Rulers (verse 11)
 - B. The Jewish Rulers’ Bribe and Commission for the Guards (verses 12–14)
Psalm 2:1–9
 - C. The Guards’ False Testimony to the Jewish People (verse 15)
John 3:16–20

Closing Themes

- 1) The Terror of the Risen Christ for Those Who Reject Him
Matthew 24:29–31
- 2) The Grace of the Risen Christ for Those Who Embrace Him
1 Thessalonians 4:14–17