



Redeeming Notes

"Empty or Not?", Luke 24:1-12

Pastor Sean Kelly, Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007

Explaining the Empty Tomb

- The Christian church did not **evolve**...it **exploded**.
- Jesus' **witnesses** believed the resurrection happened and were willing to **die** for their **beliefs**.
- Their little movement **changed the world**.

Objections to the Empty Tomb

#1: Tomb wasn't empty; the **women** went to the **wrong one!**

Difficulty with this objection:

- Could easily have been **directed** to the **right one!**

#2: Jesus didn't **actually die**.

Difficulties with this objection:

- **Roman soldiers** knew what **death** looked like.
- Getting out of the **burial clothes** and tomb itself would still have required **divine intervention**.

#3: Disciples **stole** the body.

Difficulties with this objection:

- What would be the **motive?**
- The **witnesses** to the empty tomb were **women**.

#4: Resurrection should be treated as a **metaphor** and not as **factual reality**.

Difficulty with this objection:

- 1st Century **martyrs** would not have given their **lives** for a **lie**.

Results of the Empty Tomb

- God has promised to set **things right**.
- Jesus is still **changing lives**.