

THE EMPTY CROSS AND EMPTY GRAVE

1 Peter 2:21-25, 1 Corinthians 15:3-9, 12-28

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THE EMPTY CROSS SAVES US FROM SIN AND THE EMPTY GRAVE FREES US FROM DEATH AND A HOPELESS FUTURE

1. THE EMPTY CROSS (1 Peter 2:21-25)
2. THE EMPTY GRAVE (1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-28)

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 2:24

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: James 5:13-20

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read 1 Peter 2:21-25. What is the purpose of Christ's example of suffering?
2. Compare your attitude towards suffering with Christ's attitude in this passage.
3. Which of these attitudes are most difficult for you?
4. What is the purpose of Christ dying on the cross?
5. Why is it important that the cross is empty?
6. Why is the grave such a frightening thing for so many people?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-7. How many people did the resurrected Jesus appear to?
8. How is Paul "one abnormally born" compared to the other disciples?
9. What benefit might false teachers find in denying the resurrection?
10. What reasons does Paul give for the resurrection?
11. What would the consequences be if there is no resurrection?
12. How does Jesus' defeat of death challenge or encourage you?
13. How can you keep the encouragement of the empty cross and grave in mind every day?