

Run To The Tomb - An Empty Tomb For An Open Mind

John 20: 2-16

Core issue

- whether or not He rose from the dead!
- not if you agree or disagree with Jesus' teachings

“if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty...if Christ is not risen, your faith is worthless.” -II Cor. 15:14,17

It doesn't end at a tomb – it all starts there so ... Run to the Tomb!
Confronting reality can change you! Consider the evidence:

The empty tomb!

- maybe Jesus didn't die?
- maybe the soldiers took His body?
- maybe the disciples took it?

Fearful disciples become fearless!

- an emotional catharsis?
- an incredible hoax?

500 plus eyewitnesses!

- a corporate lie?
- a massive conspiracy?

Disciples were willing to suffer & die!

- “the cause” was worth it?
- a “masochistic complex”?
- martyrdom was noble even for a lie?

John's response ~

- out ran Peter
- went in after Peter
- “he saw and believed”

Peter's response ~

- went into the tomb
- saw the wrappings
- “went away to his home”

Mary's response ~

- stood outside the tomb
- weeping & heard, “Mary!”
- “Rabboni”