

Resurrection!

by Mike Tucker *

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:1-6a

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the climax of earth's history! No event in the universe carries so great significance as this one. The clarion call of the Christian faith is: "Jesus Christ has risen from the grave!"

Years ago, Focus on the Family shared a story about a terminally ill student named Jeremy. Jeremy was twelve years old and still in the second grade. He was unable to learn, made unusual noises, and often drooled. Most of the kids laughed at Jeremy. His teacher, Miss Miller, found Jeremy to be exasperating.

One spring day, Jeremy's teacher gave an assignment that required all of the students to take an empty plastic egg home and bring it back the next day filled with something that represented new life. Miss Miller planned to call Jeremy's parents that night and explain the assignment so that Jeremy would be able to complete it and not be embarrassed. However, she had several emergencies arise and forgot about calling until it was too late.

The next day when the children opened their eggs, Miss Miller asked each of them to explain how the object they had placed there represented new life. The first student had placed a flower in the egg, and the teacher agreed that the flower did, indeed, represent new life. The second student had placed a butterfly in the egg – another good choice. The third student had placed a moss-covered rock in the egg, and that received approval as well.

But when Jeremy's egg was opened, Miss Miller saw that it was empty. Not wanting to embarrass Jeremy further, she simply laid the egg down without comment.

But Jeremy spoke up, "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?"

"Jeremy, your egg is empty," she said.

"Yes, Miss, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too!"

Jeremy died just three months later, but that experience had made an impression on his classmates. At his funeral, nineteen plastic eggs were placed on his casket. All of the eggs were empty!

Jesus' tomb is an empty tomb. It stands as evidence that He has conquered death and has the power to extend life to all who love Him. Jeremy understood it. Because of the empty tomb, he will live again, and this time it will be in full health and vitality.

Because of the empty tomb, you can live, too – starting today – a full, healthy, and vibrant life with Jesus that will last forever!

With Love,
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