

## **The Music of the Empty Tomb**

I know what it's like when there's something you just don't want to deal with! You know, when there is something that's glaringly evident, but you do everything you can to brush it aside. You may even pretend as if it's not there; as if it doesn't really exist. But deep down...down in the inner parts of reality, you know it's there and you know you've got to deal with it because there's no denying it. Sooner or later you know you have to face the music.

I recently had to go to the dentist and, I have to say, it's something like this. I have the appointment on my phone for months, but I refuse to acknowledge it. As the day gets closer, I'll start getting cute little text messages from the dental office reminding me of my impending torture! I do what I can to remove it from my thoughts. I put it away. I file it in the back drawer of my cognitive reality. But finally the day comes when I can put it off no longer. I know I have to face the music.

Then there's April 15<sup>th</sup>! Another example of future trauma! A date with denial! I don't want to think about it! I refuse to think about it! But, at some point, reality sets in and I have to think about it! That is, if I want to remain a free man. I have to let go of my hard-earned money and pay what I owe! At some point (usually April 14<sup>th</sup>), I finally have to face the music.

Many people go through this same mental escapade when it comes to the fact of the empty tomb. They've heard the story of how Jesus was crucified on a cross, then was buried, and then rose from the grave on the third day! It's the most earth-shattering news in all of history! It's the news the Roman soldiers couldn't deny. The Pharisees couldn't deny it. It was the news that changed the lives of the disciples, transforming them from men and women who were heartbroken and dejected to men and women of unshakeable faith.

It's the news that people are still talking about today. Some try to deny it, to put it out of their minds, to brush it aside; only to find that the tomb is still empty. It's still empty because the One who was laid in it was the perfect Son of God; the spotless Lamb who gave His life as a Sacrifice for sin. Oh, it wasn't some vague, peripheral cloud of sin for which Jesus died, but for my sin and yours.

The tomb is empty today because death couldn't hold Him who had no sin. It's empty because He paid it all on the cross and God's perfect judgment was satisfied. Jesus did rise from the dead! He is alive today and we must all face the beautiful music of the empty tomb.