

A TOMB WITH A VIEW

TEXT:JOHN 20:1-8

Introduction

In 1978 "Tomb With A View" was written by Norman Robbins. It is a dark drama, at the end of which there are more corpses than live bodies on the stage!

But, today, I want us to look at A Tomb With A View located outside the city of Jerusalem. Here we find an empty tomb because the occupant of that tomb rose from the dead. Today we celebrate the resurrection and the real tomb with a view!

The Resurrection is a fact that you must *feel* before it becomes *real* to you! Christianity is not based upon **Good intentions**, even though our intentions are good!

It is not based upon **Good attendance** in church services, even though we want to be faithful to the Lord who loved the Church so much that He gave Himself for it.

It is not based upon **Good deeds**, even though we want our deeds to be God-honoring!

Christianity is based upon the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Even His death could not save us if He were not alive to intercede in our behalf. He is alive. That is the greatest fact in history.

How you view this fact will determine how you live out this fact! Experience

“A TOMB WITH A VIEW” THIS MORNING.

I. OUT LOOKING IN...JOHN’S VIEW OF THE TOMB

John was close enough to look into the tomb and see that certain things had been removed.

A. STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY

Lu 24:2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

There was no separation between Jesus and His followers. Our Lord didn't just die for us, He rose and is available to us. His Spirit is His presence with us in this life. If we live, He is with us; and, if we die, we are with Him. We can't lose either way.

A. STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY

B. SPICES WAS THROWN AWAY

The women brought spices to place on His body, but they were not needed. There was no body in the grave for them to anoint with spices.

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C. SOLDIERS WAS RELIEVED OF DUTY

Soldiers had been placed at the tomb to guard the body. There is no need for soldiers to guard a body that is no longer in the grave. In fact, it is almost hilarious to think the soldiers could keep the Son of God in the grave. No authority can trump Him. No power can harness Him! No guards can hold Him! He is Lord!

D. SWADDLE OF DEATH WITHOUT AN OWNER

They was left behind. The owner had departed. Burial clothes aren't needed for the One that refused to wear them more than 3 days.

These facts will never, ever change!! Is this your view of the Resurrection? It should be. It is the view that John had, and that the women had, when they came to the Looking in the tomb you will find that He is not there.

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The empty tomb stands outside Jerusalem in Israel. You can walk into that tomb and see the empty space. But, your heart is a tomb until

Jesus takes up residence there. He left the tomb where HE was buried, but HE will never leave your heart once you have received Him as your Savior and Lord.

I. OUT LOOKING IN...JOHN'S VIEW OF THE TOMB

II. IN LOOKING OUT...PETER'S VIEW OF THE TOMB

We could say that he was inside looking out!

A. HE SAW A FULLFILED PROPHECY

Joh 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

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B. HE SAW A FAMILIAR PROMISE

What did Peter see “inside” that couldn’t be seen “outside?” The linen that covered the face of Jesus neatly folded and laid to the side it was a custom in the middle east if you uexcused yourself from the table you folded you napkin a certain way to say im nhot done im coming backJesus was revealing to Peter that He, Jesus, was coming back!

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II. IN LOOKING OUT...PETER'S VIEW OF THE TOMB

III. DOWN LOOKING UP....MARY'S VIEW OF THE TOMB

Mary was brokenhearted because she couldn't find the One who had who was everything to her.

A. GIVEN HER FREEDOM OVER TORMENT

Like all of us, Mary had her own demons to deal with in life. But, Jesus had given her victory on the evil one and over evil itself! She was troubled at first because she could not see Him.

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B. GIVEN HER FORGIVENESS OVER HER TRANSGRESSION

Jesus had given Mary forgiveness for her sins. Mary's life had not been a pretty picture up until she met Jesus. But, then, whose life really is? None of us deserve what Jesus offers. Just think about it, total forgiveness of all your sins!

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C. GIVEN HER FAITH TO SEE THE TRUTH

Just how did Mary come to this faith in Christ. God had given her the opportunity and ability to trust Jesus. He will do the same for you.

He is not a respecter of persons. It is not His will that any perish. Just as Mary came and found forgiveness, joy and life, so can you!

Mary was the first to see the Risen Lord!

Among us today, who would have loved Him enough to have been the first to see that He had risen?

Mary received

Compassion

Recognition

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IV. UP LOOKING DOWN...THE FATHER'S

VIEW How Did God look at Resurrection

Sunday? Look at **Isaiah 53: Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

Isa 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

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B. THE SINLESS SAVIOR - 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

C. THE SELECTED SAVIOR - 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days,

D THE SUCCESSFUL SAVIOR - 53:10B he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

He promised that the One who bore the iniquity of sinners would prosper. In other words, **the Father looked down upon His victorious Son.**

This was the fulfillment of all that had been spoken in Scripture. What a day of victory in heaven and on earth! What was it that Jesus taught His disciples to pray? **"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven!"**

Conclusion

Jesus had a tomb with a view! Why? He had a tomb with a view because He **opened** the tomb and conquered death and the grave.

All those who trust Him have the same victory! He is the First-fruit of all those who shall be raised.

The greatest victory on earth did not come from the Roman Emperor.

The greatest victory didn't come from the Roman Army. The greatest victory on earth didn't come from Pilate's palace.

And, the greatest victory on earth will not come from any battlefield! Old soldiers don't fade away – they die! The Emperor, who called himself a god, died and was buried – and he is still buried.

Pilate died and was buried – and he is still buried. Jesus won the greatest victory in a cemetery. He died, he was buried, but He rose from the grave. Give your life to the only One who can give you eternal life – Jesus Christ!

