



Matthew 28:1-10 (NLT)

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.² Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it.³ His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.⁴ The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.⁶ He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.⁷ And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.”⁸ The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel’s message.⁹ And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him.¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.”

THE EMPTY CRADLE

God’s plan to reconcile us began with the cradle.

The cradle is empty because Jesus didn’t stay there. He grew up!

THE EMPTY CROSS

Every significant thing in His life and ministry was borrowed – except one thing – the cross. The cross was all His. Jesus did what you could not do for yourself, and He did it because He loves you.

THE EMPTY TOMB

The stone was not pushed aside for Jesus to get out. It was pushed aside so we could see it was empty. Not even death could hold back the Son of God.

The Cradle, the Cross and the Tomb are empty because God loves you.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁷No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. ³⁸And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. ³⁹No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 37-39 (NLT)

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I want to have a real faith in You. Thank You for dying for my sins and showing me the way to live. Today, I want to become a true believer in You. I want to follow Your example. I want to accept Your gift of grace. I need Your forgiveness and mercy. You made me for a purpose and I want to invest my life in You. I want to trust Your wisdom and strength and hold on to Your promises when times are tough. Amen.