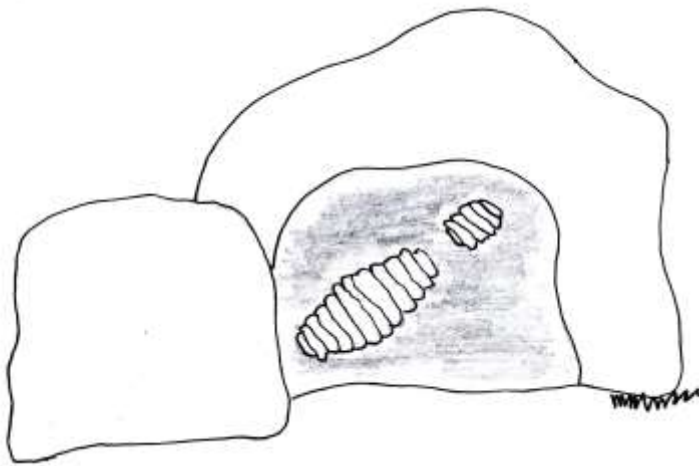


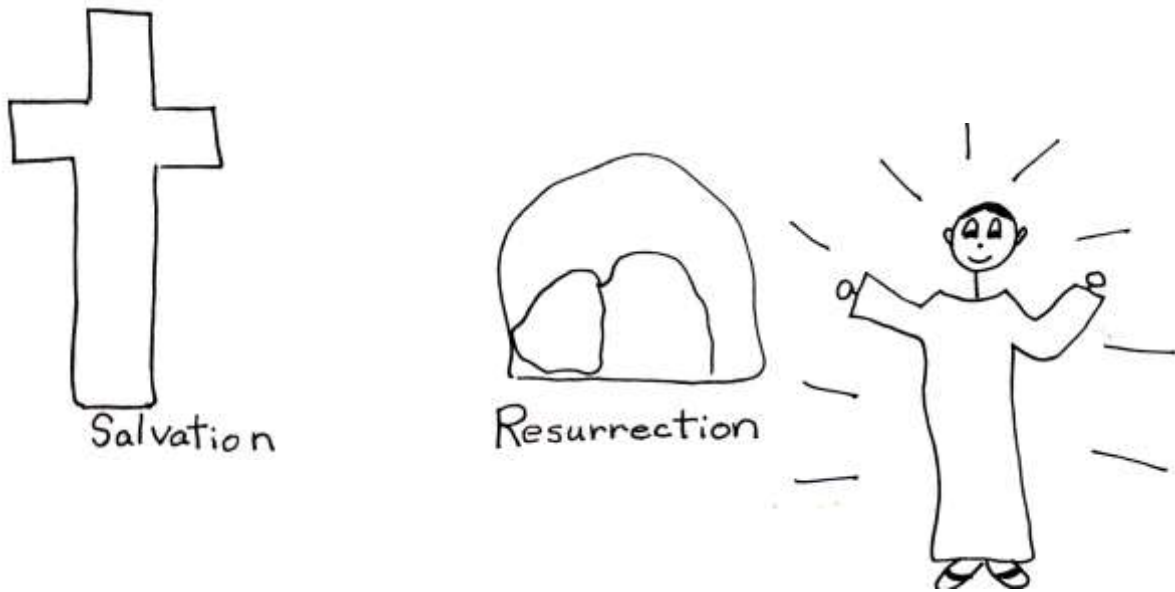
Victory in Jesus

The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Part 2

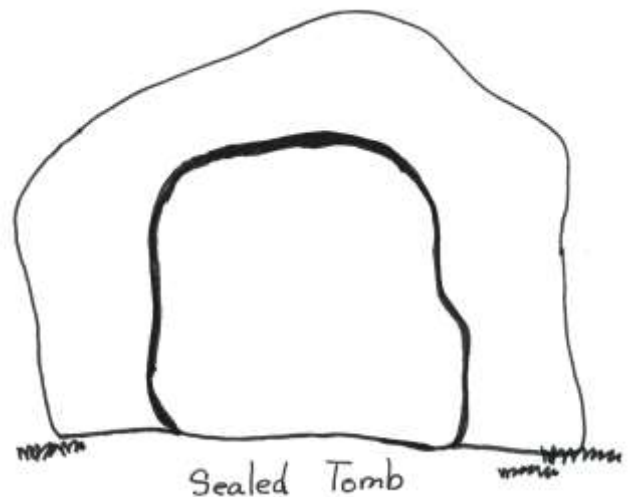
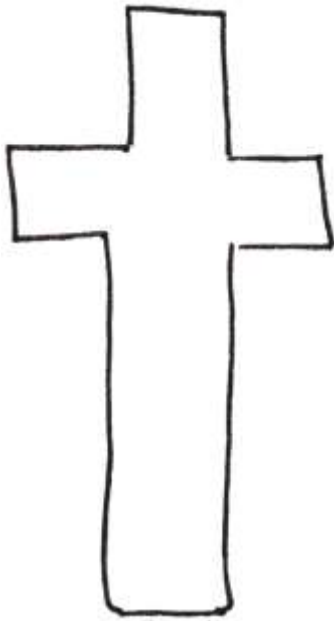


To anyone who doesn't agree that Jesus was resurrected from the dead, I'd like to show proof from the scriptures that He did. We are going to look at some facts which prove the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We can rest in the facts. We'll start with: **Jesus Christ predicted it would happen.** In Luke 9:22, Jesus says, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and **be raised up on the third day.**" He had confidence in saying this for He knew that it would happen! The chief priests and Pharisees knew that Jesus said He would die violently at their hands. They also knew He said that three days later He would rise from the dead. When someone predicts ahead of time what is going to happen, and it happens, one must believe that person. **Jesus predicted that the resurrection would take place.** He is to be believed!



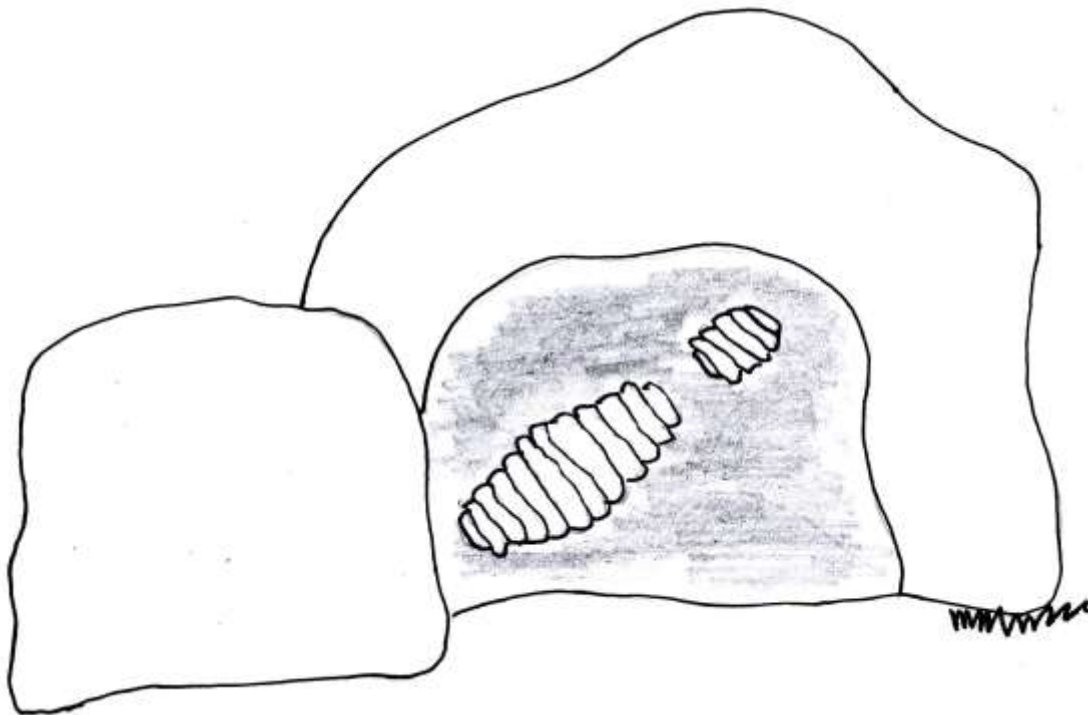
Matthew 27:62-64 Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I am to rise again.' Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

Jesus really died and was buried in a known, easy to get to tomb. We know from scripture all of these facts. The chief priests and Pharisees thought Jesus was dead. None of the soldiers who put Jesus on the cross had any doubt that Jesus was dead. None of the people who took His body down off the cross, embalmed it (treated it with preservatives so that it wouldn't decay), wrapped it and placed it in the tomb had the slightest suspicion that Jesus was still alive. We know who owned the tomb, how it was constructed, its condition, and its location. After Jesus' body was placed in the tomb, the tomb was sealed. It was heavily guarded so that no one would rob the grave and then say that Jesus was risen from the dead! Jesus was dead and He was buried!



John 19:33 But coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. John 19:38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea [who owned a tomb]...asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. John 19:40 So they [Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus] took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. John 19:42 Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. Matthew 27:65-66 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how." And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.

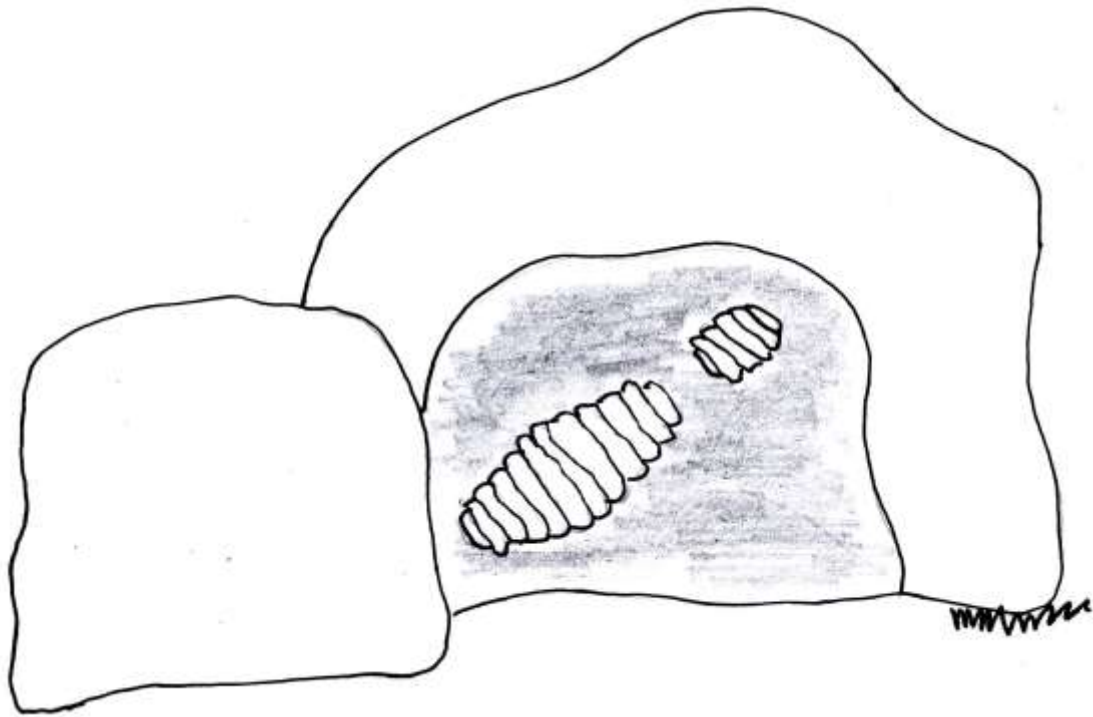
The tomb Jesus was buried in was empty except for His grave clothes. The grave clothes were wrappings that Joseph and Nicodemus had put on Jesus' body when they buried Him three days before the resurrection. After the resurrection, Peter came to the tomb, went inside and saw the grave clothes. The head cloth was lying as it had been wound around Jesus' head. The rest of the grave clothes were just as they had been wrapped around Jesus' body. To those who looked into the tomb, this was evidence of the fact of His resurrection without any disturbance of the wrappings; they had not been unwound. There was no disturbance either by friend or enemy. There was no disturbance when the resurrection took place. Jesus' resurrected body simply passed through His grave clothes! He would never need the grave clothes again!



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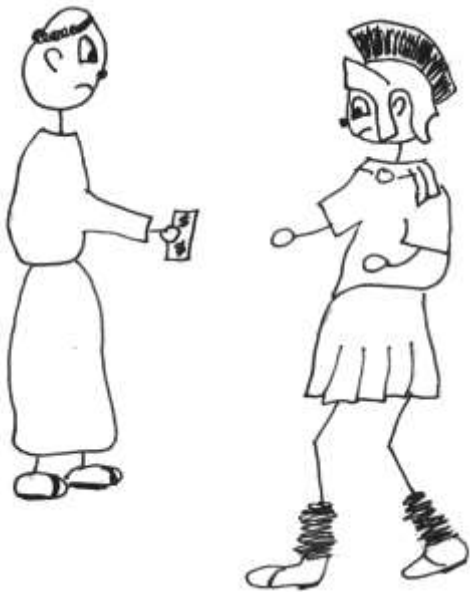
John 20:6-7 And so Simon Peter also came following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

The way the grave clothes were undisturbed shows that the body had not been stolen by thieves or taken by the disciples. It would have taken thieves too much time to remove the linens and put them neatly in the tomb. If the apostles and disciples had taken the body, they would want to bury it again and would need the grave clothes. They would want to hide the body again as soon as possible while giving the body of their Lord full honor. They would not have left the grave clothes.

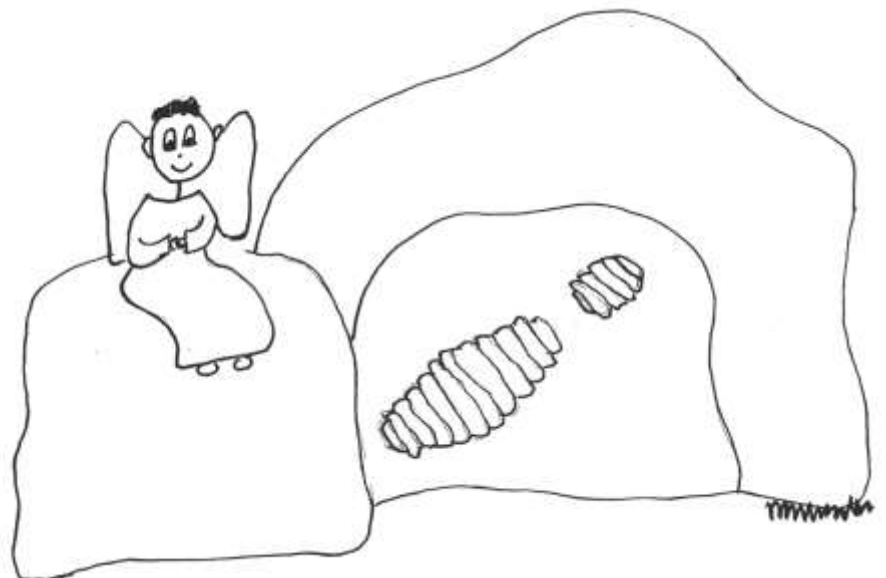


Here's a great fact that the tomb was empty: guards, who were stationed at the tomb that morning, reported that it was empty. It was their job to protect it and see that no one would steal the body! After the resurrection, an angel came and rolled away the stone which closed Jesus' tomb. This was done so the guards could see that the tomb was empty! The guards were terrified! They had to report this to the chief priests. The chief priests gave the soldiers money and told them to lie about what happened.

Matthew 28:11-15 Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble." And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.



Matthew 28:2-4 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.



Many people saw Jesus Christ after His resurrection. These scriptures you will have to look up for yourselves. Go for it!

John 20:14, Mark 16:9 Mary Magdalene

Matthew 28:9-10 Women returning from the tomb

Luke 24:34, 1 Corinthians 15:5 Peter later in the day

Luke 24:13-33 The Emmaus disciples

Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-24 The apostles except for Thomas

John 20:26-29 The apostles with Thomas present

John 21:1-23 Seven apostles by the Lake of Tiberias

1 Corinthians 15:6 A multitude of 500+ believers on a Galilean mountain

1 Corinthians 15:7 James, Jesus' brother

Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:14-20, Luke 24:33-52, Acts 1:3-12 The eleven apostles before Jesus ascended to heaven

Acts 9:3-6 Paul

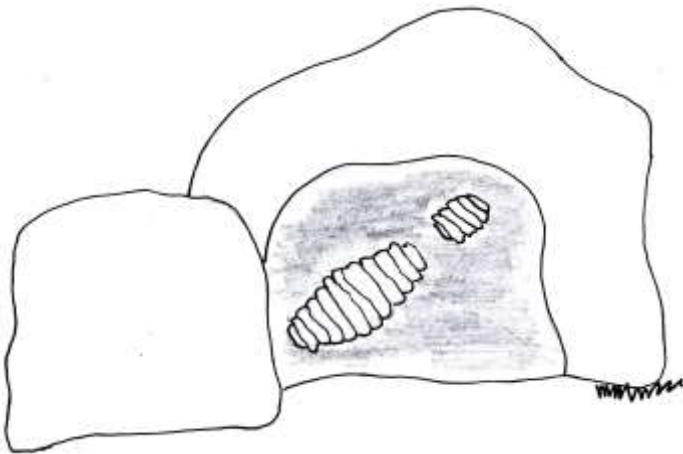
Acts 7:55 Stephen

Acts 22:17-21, Acts 23:11 Paul in the temple

Revelation 1:10-19 John on the Island of Patmos



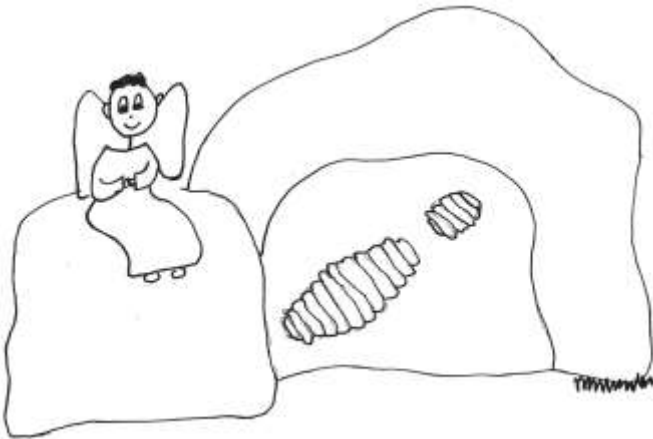
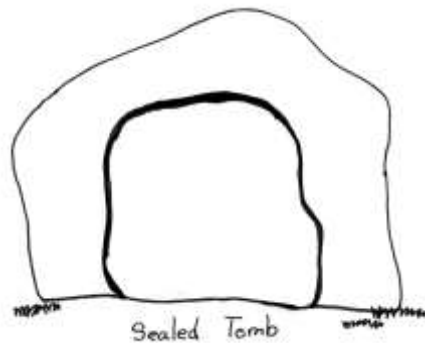
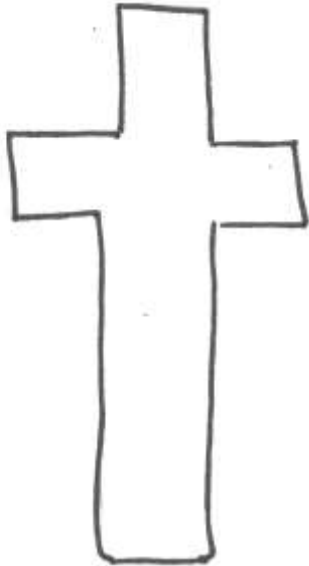
Jesus Christ's enemies recognized the fact of His resurrection. There is no record of any of Jesus Christ's enemies disputing or arguing the fact of His resurrection. In fact, they wanted to cover up the fact. Any enemy who had proof that Christ had not risen had opportunity to disprove what Peter was declaring, that Jesus Christ was risen! None of Jesus' enemies tried to disprove Peter's bold proclamation of Jesus Christ's bodily resurrection! There was no point in arguing that the tomb wasn't empty. Friends and enemies of Jesus knew that it was empty. They also knew what that empty tomb proved! Why didn't any of the enemies of Jesus ever protest? Why didn't the Jewish leaders simply prove the Resurrection hadn't taken place by producing the body of Christ? They couldn't! And they sure didn't want it known that Jesus Christ was risen from the dead!



Matthew 28:6 He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

So, scripture proves these facts. Pilate and the Roman government made sure that Jesus was dead. They made sure that the tomb was closed with an enormous stone and then sealed. Roman soldiers guarded the tomb. The seal was not broken until the angel rolled the enormous stone away from the tomb.

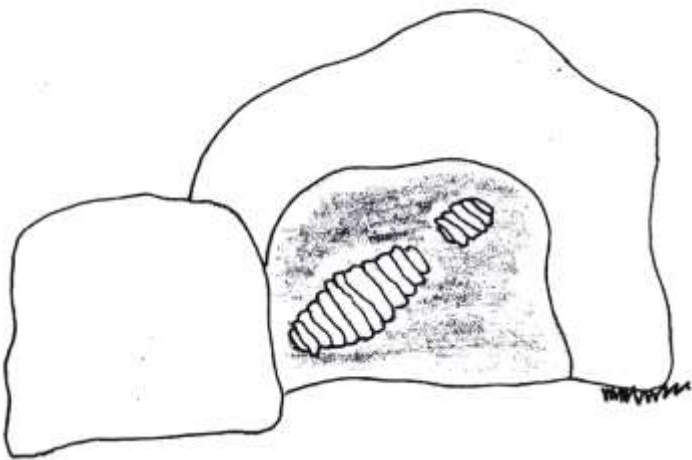
This was done so the soldiers and anyone else could see that Jesus was not there! He was resurrected! He had a resurrection body! He was victorious!



Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

Points To Remember

- Jesus Christ predicted that the resurrection would happen.
- Jesus really died and was buried in a known, easy to get to tomb.
- The tomb Jesus was buried in was empty except for His grave clothes.
- The way the grave clothes were undisturbed shows that the body had not been stolen by thieves or taken by the disciples.
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