THE EMPTY TOMB!

I Corinthians 15:1-8

Why is the tomb empty? I Cor. 15:1-4

Each of the 3 possible tombs of Jesus is empty!

His tomb is empty because He resurrected from the dead.

I Cor. 15:1-4 is the earliest Christian creed dating to <u>1-3 years</u> after Christ ascended.

Scriptures prophesied Christ's death. Isa. 53:5-6; Ps. 22:16

The physical evidence of His death was that He was <u>buried</u>.

What is the evidence of the resurrection? I5:4-8

Old Testament Scripture prophesied Christ's <u>resurrection.</u> Isa. 53:11-

12; Ps. 16:8-11, 110:1, Matt. 12:40

The physical evidence of His resurrection were the <u>eye-witnesses</u>.

Cephas (Peter), the 12 (Jn. 20:19-28)), James (the brother of Jesus),

500, Paul (15:8-10). All but one of the apostles was martyred for their

testimony of Christ's resurrection. People don't die for a known lie.

Another evidence was the enemies of Christ had $\underline{\text{no dead body}}$ to

stop the news of the resurrection.

Another evidence was the criteria of embarrassment — $\underline{\text{women}}$ were

the first to discover Christ's resurrection.

What difference does it make? 15:12-14

The Christian faith <u>crumbles</u> without the resurrection. 15:12-14 Christ's resurrection is key to salvation. Rom. 10:9-10; 6:3-4

Christ's resurrection provides victory over sin and death. I Cor. 15:57

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