



**Sermon Outline
Easter Weekend
April 8, 9, 2023
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**What An Empty
Grave Proves**
Acts 13:26-33a

Faith's Foundational Truths:

Big Rock #1:

The Bible is God's authoritative word.

Big Rock #2:

God is the omnipotent, gracious creator of the universe.

Big Rock #3:

*Humanity is the centerpiece of God's creation
but is in desperate need of redemption.*

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 - For what I received I passed on to you as of **first importance**: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was **raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

Big Rock #4:

*The resurrection proves that there's more to this life
than _____.*

* _____ **is a universal fear.**

Hebrews 2:14-15 - Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of Him who holds the power of death---that is, the devil--- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

* **The resurrection provides _____
in the face of death.**

Acts 5:29 - Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"

* **The resurrection is what gives us hope in the darkest hour and in the face of our greatest _____.**

Christianity was born out of some of the toughest times in history and it flourished through ancient plagues, and it kept growing in the bleakest of circumstances. – Tim Keller

* **The resurrection proves that God's _____
will prevail.**

Vs. 30 - But God raised Him from the dead.

* **The _____ is in God's hands.**

Acts 4:27-28 - Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

* **It's not _____ when it's over.**

John 11:25 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

* **Everybody wants to go to heaven.
But nobody wants to _____.**

Psalms 139:16b - All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

* **Only _____ death do we gain victory _____ death.**

Easter week prayer - *Jesus, I receive You as my life. I receive all the work and power of Your resurrection through which You have conquered sin, death, judgment, and the enemy. Death has no power over You, and I have been raised with You to new life, dead to sin and alive to God. I take my place now in Your resurrection and in Your life and I receive Your hope, love, joy, goodness, wisdom, power, and strength.*

* **Christ followers are _____ people
but live in a _____ world.**