

Series: Meals with Jesus

Title: Empty Promises

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1. How did the Jesus' followers celebrate Easter that morning and afternoon? See Luke 23:55-24:1, and 24:19-21. Moreover, how was their attitude like the epitaph on Mel Blanc's grave marker?
2. Read Matthew 16:21 and 28:5-6. Andy Stanley states that, "If a man can predict his own death and resurrection, and pull it off, I just go with whatever that man says." What do you think?
3. There at the tomb, what did the angels invite people to see?
4. How can 'empty' promises be good ones?

Let's look at three "empty" promises of the resurrection, promises that still change the world.

- a. What promises come out of 1 Corinthians 15:17 and Romans 4:25?
 - b. How is power a promise from his resurrection? What kind of power? Is it the same as a happy mental attitude like *The Little Engine That Could*? See Ephesians 1:18-20 and Philippians 4:13
 - c. How does Jesus' resurrection bring hope? See 1 Peter 1:3 and Matthew 28:20.
5. Right now in your life, which one of these promises means the most to you?
 6. What do you say to someone who minimizes the resurrection with this thought: "Isn't it good enough that Jesus left us his incredible teachings and sayings?"
 7. What's the deeper meaning that Jesus was raised on the first day of the week?