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The Empty Tomb and the Transformation of the Cross

Luke 24:1-2

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

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- **The cross was used to kill Jesus.**

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- **The empty tomb validated Jesus' ability to conquer death.**

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- 2) The empty tomb is a symbol of life.
- 3) The cross has been transformed into a symbol of life.**



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1 Peter 2:24

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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 - ...our sins are taken by Jesus.
 - **...our punishment is borne by Jesus.**

Hebrews 2:17

¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

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- The cross is now a symbol of life because of the transformation that is enjoyed through Jesus' death and resurrection.
 - ...our sins are taken by Jesus.
 - ...our punishment is borne by Jesus.
 - **...our transgressions are forgiven.**

Colossians 2:14

¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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 - ...our transgressions are forgiven.
 - **...our guilt is transformed into righteousness.**

Philippians 3:8-9

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

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 - ...our transgressions are forgiven.
 - ...our guilt is transformed into righteousness.
 - **...our death is transformed into eternal life.**

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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- **Condemning**

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This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning → Forgiving

3) The cross has been transformed into a symbol of life.

This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning → Forgiving
- **Despairing**

3) The cross has been transformed into a symbol of life.

This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning ➡ Forgiving
- Despairing ➡ **Hoping**

3) The cross has been transformed into a symbol of life.

This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning ➡ Forgiving
- Despairing ➡ Hoping
- **Anxious**

3) The cross has been transformed into a symbol of life.

This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning ➡ Forgiving
- Despairing ➡ Hoping
- Anxious ➡ Peaceful

3) The cross has been transformed into a symbol of life.

This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning ➡ Forgiving
- Despairing ➡ Hoping
- Anxious ➡ Peaceful
- **Divisive**

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This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning ➡ Forgiving
- Despairing ➡ Hoping
- Anxious ➡ Peaceful
- Divisive ➡ **Uniting**

3) The cross has been transformed into a symbol of life.

This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning ➡ Forgiving
- Despairing ➡ Hoping
- Anxious ➡ Peaceful
- Divisive ➡ Uniting
- **Envious**

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This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning ➡ Forgiving
- Despairing ➡ Hoping
- Anxious ➡ Peaceful
- Divisive ➡ Uniting
- Envious ➡ **Grateful**

3) The cross has been transformed into a symbol of life.

This transformation from death to eternal life brings transformation:

- Condemning ➡ Forgiving
- Despairing ➡ Hoping
- Anxious ➡ Peaceful
- Divisive ➡ Uniting
- Envious ➡ Grateful
- **Indifferent**

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- Condemning ➡ Forgiving
- Despairing ➡ Hoping
- Anxious ➡ Peaceful
- Divisive ➡ Uniting
- Envious ➡ Grateful
- Indifferent ➡ **Loving**

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- Anxious ➡ Peaceful
- Divisive ➡ Uniting
- Envious ➡ Grateful
- Indifferent ➡ Loving
- **Sad**

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- Divisive ➡ Uniting
- Envious ➡ Grateful
- Indifferent ➡ Loving
- Sad ➡ **Happy**

This radical transformation is for all who treasure Jesus.