

# ALIVE & FREE

EASTER AT THE SHORELINE

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## LEWIS TO BRADY

"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."

C.S. LEWIS  
Mere Christianity

## THE REAL VICTORY

The Bible says, ***"But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ."***

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

VICTORY! God wants us to have the bigger win, the greatest victory!

- It's bigger than sports achievements
- It's bigger than desires in this life: fame, fortune, pleasure, ease or retirement!
- It's quite literally Eternal Life- full, satisfying life!

The Rope Illustration

***20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. 21 So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Jesus said the cup was His blood 22 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. 23 But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.***

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-23

## IN FACT

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## THE EMPTY TOMB

The tomb where Jesus was buried was empty after he had risen. This is a fact. The critics help us establish the facts.

### 1. Critics say, The tomb was empty because the disciples took Jesus' body.

- They were hiding in fear for their own lives
- The Romans posted a guard (Matt.27:62-66)

### 2. Critics say the tomb was empty because Jesus regained consciousness and revived Pilate confirmed his death (Mark 15:43-45)

- The Roman Soldier pierced his side and blood and water gave evidence of a collapsed heart cavity.
- How could Jesus, beaten and bloodied, get past the wrapped linens, rock in front, and Roman guards?
- How could Jesus have convinced the disciples he was resurrected? He would have later died.

### 3. Critics say the tomb was empty because the disciples went to the wrong tomb.

#### The women watched his burial (Matt. 27:61)

- There was only one tomb in Joseph's garden
  - If Jesus' body was in another tomb they could have produced it to stop the spread of the Good News.
- We could also site the facts of the appearances of Jesus, the changed disciples, and the authenticity of the Bible...

"I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better, fuller evidence of every sort than the great sign which God hath given us that Christ died, and rose again from the dead."

Former Oxford Professor Thomas Arnold,  
quoted by Dr. Henry Morris on [www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org)

The Bible Says, ***"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. 11 As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."***

