

Creek Notes - April 17, 2022

**Easter 2022: Empty** (Luke 24:1-12) (Philippians 2:5-8)

### **I. The Resurrection**

- the burial of Christ **proves** that Jesus really did die on the Cross
- Jesus was **physically** dead..He then arose and **appeared** before His followers
- Jesus appearing before His disciples & followers **proved** that He was alive
- Jesus did what He said that He would do  
and the Resurrection gives **validity** to who Jesus claimed to be  
1 Corinthians 15:17-19 NLT

### **II. Emptiness**

- Empty= containing **nothing**, not **filled**, not **occupied**
- our lives are often filled with **emptiness**  
**Relationally**, emotionally/mentally, **physically**, financially, and **spiritually**
- we find ourselves: not **filled...not** occupied..not satisfied
- Life simply isn't **filling**
- Henry David Thoreau: we live 'lives of quiet **desperation**'

### **III. Christ & Emptiness**

we were never created to live '**empty**' lives

Christ **emptied** Himself and that led to the Cross and then the tomb  
Philippians 2:5-8 (ESV)

Christ knows what **emptiness** feels like  
(Matthew 27:46)

-If no Resurrection, then our faith would be **vain & worthless** (empty)  
1 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)

Christ **left** the tomb empty so that we do not have to **live** 'empty'

We can be **filled** with Christ which is an **inwardly** strengthening  
Philippians 4:12-13

Christ **fills** us, **occupies** us, & we can live life **satisfied** in Him

The only thing that should remain empty is the **tomb**