

A woman in a white headscarf and robe is sitting on the floor of a dark, arched tomb. She is looking out through an opening on the right side of the tomb. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the opening, creating a dramatic effect. The background outside the tomb shows a landscape with trees and a bright sky.

A Generous Easter

Mark 16:1-7

A Day Of Generosity

- **Seventy-five pounds of spices were given for Jesus' burial.**
- **The women came upon an open tomb with a messenger from God.**
- **We were each created to have a relationship with our creator.**
- **We all want to be able to do as we wish; we just do not want to pay the consequences.**
- **What we need to understand is that God gave Himself to redeem a people who had rejected Him.**

The Son Gave His Life

- Long before Jesus was crucified, He told His apostles that He would sacrifice His life.
- Jesus did not say His life would be taken from Him; He said He would sacrifice His life.
- Jesus gave His life for us.
- Peter never intended to cut off the man's ear, Peter meant to cut off his head!
- Jesus could have stopped what was happening.
- The cost was paid on Friday, but the gifts were revealed on Sunday.

Peter Was Given Forgiveness

- Because of the resurrection, Peter was given forgiveness.
- Jesus never asked Peter to die for Him, only to live for Him.
- Peter was the first Apostle to run to the tomb to see for himself that it was empty.
- The issue is not whether or not Jesus can forgive us; the issue is whether or not we can forgive ourselves.
- Jesus wept for those who would reject Him and the truth of His message.

Conclusion

- Jerusalem may have given up on Jesus, but with the resurrection it became evident that Jesus had not given up on Jerusalem.
- The gift that Christ gave to the world was the gift of the Church.
- From the very beginning, we see the early church caring for the *“least of these.”*
- When there is a disaster, it is still Christian relief agencies funded by Christian churches that are in the forefront.
- Jesus did not give up on Jerusalem, and He has not given up on you.