

LIFE THROUGH THE LENS

with Kevin Schrapel

A NEW BEGINNING.

Last Friday (Good Friday), many worldwide thought about nailing the Son of God to a cross. He had done everything to heal the relationship of love broken by humanity's pride and turning away from God. As he hung, bleeding on that cross, he declared, "It is finished!"

Now there was nothing to stop anyone from enjoying being a child of God.

What did this mean for me today? How can I know that this man can be trusted? Can I know if his words are true?

Sometime before these events happened, "Jesus began to tell His disciples All that would happen, including his coming alive on the third day. **(Matthew 16:21)** But were his words true? Could he be believed? History says he can. If his words were lies, there would be no Christian church today.

Do the words of Jesus spoken back then have any relevance to life today? I guess the answer is in your response to the question, "Do you accept the truth of his words that he would rise after three days", demonstrated by the empty tomb?

He is alive – his word is true – he keeps his word – you can believe his word, words like:

"I offer you total forgiveness, and nothing can separate you from the love of God."

"Do not be afraid; I am with you always."

"I will never leave you; you never have to feel lonely again."

"You never have to feel powerless, for my power is yours."

"Remember, my father is your father. He loves you as he loves me."

"Don't fear death; the tomb could not hold onto me. It cannot hold onto you."

"I can help you have joy in your life, even when things are not going well."

"I offer you a new and full life!"

The open tomb pours out love, joy, peace, tolerance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, all making up a new life, a new beginning. **(Galatians 5:22 – 23)**

Think about and talk to Jesus about all the great gifts He offers in love.

God bless you,
Kevin.

An empty tomb declares many truths.

