

- I. EMPTY IS NOT A GOOD THING! Empty gas tank (E = Enough), pockets, wallet, bank account, battery, frig
Magic bottle in frig (How many wives get mad at husband or kids for doing that? my wife gets mad at me when I put the empty bottle back in frig - praying for a miracle!)
- Sometimes life itself feels empty Ruth 1:20-21 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?
- A. Won't fill that emptiness with:
1. Work Ecclesiastes 1:1-3
 2. Pleasure Ecclesiastes 2:1-3
 3. Wisdom Ecclesiastes 2:12-16 Solomon was the wisest man ever lived and still empty
 4. Money Ecclesiastes 5:10-11
 5. Family & relationships Ecclesiastes 6:2-4, Ecclesiastes 9:9
- B. Empty, unfulfilled dreams Isaiah 29:8 It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and

his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

II. THE EMPTY TOMB CHANGED EVERYTHING! I

Corinthians 15:12-14

A. No one was looking for it Luke 24:1-8

1. Looking unto Jesus Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2. Essence of the Gospel I Corinthians 15:1-4

3. You can know because you are filled I John 5:12-13 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

B. Graveyards will always be full Proverbs 30:15-16 The

horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give.

There are three things that are never satisfied, yea,

four things say not, It is enough: The grave; and the

barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water;

and the fire that saith not, It is enough. **Why they put**

fences around the graveyard - People are dying to get in there!

1. Foolish and the wise will both die Ecclesiastes 2:15-16 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is vanity. For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool. **Don't be a fool** Luke 12:16-21

2. God will empty all of the graves! I Thessalonians 4:13-18

III. EMPTY TO FILL **Poor out your worries, fears, hurts, anger, depression, etc.** I Kings 17:8-12 **(Magic bottle)** I Kings 17:9 ...behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. _____ **God told me He commanded you to buy me a steak dinner!**

A. Be filled with the Spirit Ephesians 5:18 **And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.**

B. Filled with God's love Ephesians 3:17-21 I Corinthians 13:8 **Charity never faileth**