



Part 4: The Wrong Kind
of Empty

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Easter Review: The words of the first Palm Sunday were **empty**.

The cup is **empty**.

The cross is **empty**.

The tomb is **empty**.

Because the tomb is **empty**, my life can be **full**.

The Power of the Cross

Gives us strength

He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. – *1 Corinthians 1:8-9*

Unifies the Church

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

– *1 Corinthians 1:10*

Communicates that Jesus saves

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel – not with the words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. – *1 Corinthians 1:17*

Messes people up (in a good way!)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. – *1 Corinthians 1:18*

Protects us from pride

Therefore, as it is written: Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.

– *1 Corinthians 1:31*

Next Steps

- Want to know more about God, Jesus and Christianity? Register for *Alpha: A Practical Introduction to Christianity*. Read all the details on the back of today's program. Para información en español, regístrate en el centro de conexión o llama por teléfono a Wendy 733-1337 x212.
- If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, the best next step is to be baptized. You have this opportunity this weekend at any service. Read about the required baptism class inside today's program.

On Your Way Home

Take a moment and think about all the Jesus accomplished through Easter. Have you said thank you? If not, do it now. If yes, do it again!

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) What was the highlight of the Easter season for you?
- 2) Did God teach you anything new this year during the Easter season? What was it?
- 3) What are some ways the cross is emptied of its power by our human wisdom?
- 4) Read 1 Corinthians 1:27-29. What are some simple things that seem to confound people when it comes to God? Why do you think God chooses to use the simple and the humble to accomplish his mission?
- 5) 1 Corinthians 1:31 tells us to brag about Jesus. So, let's do that! What has God done in your life (or in the life of someone else) that you can share with your group? It's OK, you aren't bragging about you, you are boasting in him!
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?