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Today's Message: Empty Tomb... Eternal Hope

Ephesians 2:12 "... remember that you were... separated from Christ... having no hope and without God in the world."

#1. From The Cradle...

Matthew 1:21 "She (Mary) will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

"Jesus" - "The _____ of Yahweh"

Acts 4:12 "... no other name under heaven by which men must be saved."

Luke 2:34, 35 "... Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce thru your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed..."

"A Sign" - a _____ that people shoot at

Jesus - like a magnet - so attractive to some but others so repelled by Him

To Mary - His rejection was her rejection but His victory and vindication was hers also!

#2. To The Cross...

John 12:27, 28 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Your name."

Luke 22:42 "... Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me... not My will, but Yours..."

Jesus' Massive Struggle - the full measure of God's wrath, the _____ that we all deserve!

Romans 5:8 "But God shows (proves) His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

* **Amazing Reality** - "I now see that I am more flawed and sinful than I ever dared believe, but that I am also more loved and _____ than I ever hoped to be." ~Keller

1 John 4:19 "We love because He first loved us."

Jesus Shocking Cry: Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

God's GREAT Love: Romans 8:32 "He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?"

#3. To The Crown...

Hebrews 2:9 "But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might

taste death for everyone.”

1 Corinthians 15:17-20 *“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ, we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead..”*

Revelation 5:11, 12 *“Then I looked and heard around the throne... the voice of many angels, numbering myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”*

John 11:25 *“... I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

Your Crown? 1 Corinthians 4:5 *“... At that time each will receive his praise from God.”*

1 Corinthians 9:24, 25

2 Corinthians 5:10 *“For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ.”*