

EMPTY TOMB - Ray Flores, April 12, 2026

1. JESUS MEETS US IN FEAR John 20:19-20 NIV ¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

2. FROM PEACE TO PURPOSE John 20:21-22 NIV ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8 NIV But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Jude and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

John 14:6 NIV Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

3. FAITH THROUGH DOUBT John 20:27-29 NIV ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV For we live by faith, not by sight.

Romans 10:9 NIV If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

4. A TRANSFORMED LIFE 1 Peter 4:1-2 NIV ¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ² As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

Romans 12:2 NIV Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

5. A DISTINCT LIFE 1 Peter 4:4-5 NIV ⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

2 Timothy 3:12 NIV In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

6. SUFFERING WITH PURPOSE 1 Peter 4:12-13 NIV ¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice in as much as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.