

# Matthew 27v62 - 28v15

What does it mean to be deceived ?

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It's a key word in our passage tonight. We'll look at the empty tomb from three different viewpoints:

## Pharisees view on the empty tomb

What did Jesus say that still worried the Pharisees ? \_\_\_\_\_

What did they want Pilate to do ? \_\_\_\_\_

Why ? \_\_\_\_\_

What word did the Pharisees use to describe Jesus 27v63 ? \_\_\_\_\_

Were they right ? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it very unlikely that the disciples would try to steal the body of Jesus ?

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

What doesn't make sense in 28v13 ? \_\_\_\_\_

## God's view on the empty tomb

Who is God's spokesperson in 28v5,6 ? \_\_\_\_\_

How do the angels words contrast with the Pharisees claim that Jesus was a deceiver ?

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

The resurrection is vital for our salvation. Fill in the missing word from Romans 4v25

(Jesus) was raised because of (or for) our \_\_\_\_\_

That means Jesus' resurrection was necessary if we were to be right before God.

## Your view on the empty tomb

The guards and the Pharisees knew exactly what had happened at the tomb. But they chose to put out a false story. What was that ?

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They deceived themselves and wanted to deceive others !

The Bible talks in a few places about self-deceit (deceiving ourselves)

1. 1 John 1v8 If we say that we have \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves
2. Romans 1v18 men who s\_\_\_\_\_ the truth. That means men often try to hide the truth about God from themselves and others.

## Things to learn from the passage

- 1) Don't be discouraged by people who won't admit the facts about Jesus. The Pharisees wouldn't face the truth. Jesus was risen !
- 2) Our faith in Jesus is based on a solid fact – the tomb was empty and Jesus was alive
- 3) Nothing men and women do can defeat the purposes of God. It wouldn't matter if a whole army had been guarding the tomb. Jesus would still have risen !



## Memory verse

For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord  
Romans 14v9