

HEAVEN'S EXPLANATION OF THE EMPTY TOMB

Mark 16:1-8

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“Muslims believe that Allah saved the Messiah from the ignominy [disgrace/humiliation] of crucifixion.”

“The portion of the Quran that provides the basis for this denial of the crucifixion and resurrection says, ‘and for their [the Jews] saying: we slew the Messiah Jesus Son of Mary, the Messenger of God—yet they did not slay him, neither crucified him...’”

John Piper

“We honor Jesus more than you do... Do we not honor him more than you do when we refuse to believe that God would permit him to suffer death on the cross? Rather, we believe that God took him to heaven.”

John Piper (quoting a Muslim)

”...to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” (Ephesians 2:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:4)

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So here is the **world**, the **devil**, and **religious unbelief** working in concert to conceal the answer to mankind's greatest need: the hope of life in the life of Jesus who is not dead but is risen, just as He said.

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III. The Witness of Heaven's Herald (Mark 16:5-8)

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