

The cross and the empty tomb

The one place we can't both be right.

In short. The Church proclaims Christ's cross and Resurrection as the center of the Good News.¹ His death was part of God's saving plan, and His Resurrection is the crowning truth of the faith.^{2,3}

Key points

- The cross and Resurrection stand at the center of the Good News the Church proclaims.¹
- Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.⁴
- The Resurrection is the crowning truth of faith in Christ.³

Try this, this week

1. **Read Luke 23–24.** Two chapters, the death and the empty tomb.
2. **Ask yourself** what kind of evidence would matter to you.

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,”

1 Corinthians 15:3–4, World English Bible

Common questions

Why does the cross matter so much?

Video answer: Bishop Robert Barron, stoneandincense.com/en/questions/why-does-the-cross-matter-so-much/

The Church teaches that God's plan of salvation was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of His Son.¹

Remember: Honest disagreement is a form of respect.

Sources

1. CCC 571
2. CCC 599
3. CCC 638
4. CCC 601

Quotation above: 1 Corinthians 15:3–4, World English Bible. Catechism: official text on [vatican.va](https://www.vatican.va).

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