

Hidden Treasure



This is a person finding a precious pearl inside of an oyster. Many don't even consider that an oyster on the beach might have a valuable pearl inside – around here, when most think of oysters, they think of food. But some make it their life's work to learn how and where to find pearl-bearing oysters, and then go on a search so they can find one of the rare pearls that sell for thousands of dollars, or several to make a pearl necklace.

This is a photo of an Apple 1 computer. It is worth about the same as the most precious pearl in the world (\$200K). The man who owned it had it stored in his garage with a bunch of other “junk”. Upon his death, his widow took it to an electronic scrap shop and didn't even leave her name, thinking it was worthless. The shop owner is still looking for her, since it is their policy to give the owner half of the value when mistakes like this are made. See: <http://tinyurl.com/oa2g8oa>



This picture represents the most important treasure in the history of the world - **the** empty tomb. Two thousand years ago in Jerusalem, a tomb similar to this contained the body of the only sinless man who ever lived. He took the death penalty in our place so that we could be forgiven for breaking God's law. During His life, Jesus promised eternal life to those who trusted and believed that He was the Son of God, and that He alone was able to save them. That promise would have been meaningless if Jesus himself had decayed in the tomb, but three days later Jesus rose from the grave, proving He had

power over death and could keep His promise to those who believed. Most don't consider the value of the empty tomb, just like most don't spend their time looking for pearls in oysters. Most consider **the** empty tomb to be worthless, just like the lady who dumped off an Apple 1 as junk. But just like the manager of the store who knew she had made a terrible mistake, those who have carefully evaluated the life, death and resurrection of Jesus know that the empty tomb represents a priceless treasure. Unlike pearls, an original Apple 1, or other things we hold dear (which are temporal), Jesus' gift is eternal. Hope you will hunt for and find this treasure if you haven't already. <http://tinyurl.com/nmtu26e>.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. **Matt 13:45-46 NKJV**