

Empty Easter Tomb Cookies



To be made the evening before Easter.

You need:

1 cup whole pecans
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vinegar
1 zipper baggie
3 egg whites

wooden spoon
Pinch salt
tape
Bible

Preheat oven to 300 F.

Place **pecans** in zipper baggie and beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. After Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Smell the **vinegar**. Put 1 teaspoon vinegar into mixing bowl. When Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add **egg whites** to **vinegar**. Eggs represent life. Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little **salt** into your hand. Taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. This represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing.

Add 1 cup of **sugar**. The sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. The color **white represents the purity** in God's eyes, of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18, & John 3:1-3.

Fold in **broken nuts**. Drop by teaspoon onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. **Each mound represents the rocky tomb** where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. With a piece of tape **seal** the oven door. Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 28:65-66.

GO TO BED! You may feel safe to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and take a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow!

On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.