How to Fake a Pandemic

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I'm sitting here on April 12th, what many Christians call Easter, a day they celebrate the resurrection of Christ. I recall the childhood rhyme, "Here's the church. here's the steeple. Open it up and here's all the people." Today, there are no people in the churches. They are barren. It is appropriate though, considering I pulled up Facebook today and one of the first things I saw was the following meme:

I don't think the author of this meme really thought about what it is saying. First, it is equating the church with an empty tomb, which might be an appropriate analogy in some respects. Christ is not in the tomb anymore. It is almost a subconscious admission that Christ is not in the church anymore. It calls to mind the verses in Revelation 2 and 3 which describe the problems Christ has with the churches:

Nevertheless I have this against you, that **you have left your first love**. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.
Revelation 2:4–5 (NKJV)