

After the Resurrection

Matthew 28

Introduction

On Sunday morning, when Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany go to the tomb of Jesus, they find the grave is open and an angel sitting on the tombstone.

Matthew 28 says, "Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow." (Mat 28:1-3 NKJV)

1. Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany came to finish the preparation of Jesus' body, which was cut short by the _____.
2. When the angel rolled the stone away, it prompted an _____.
3. The Roman soldiers responsible for guarding the tomb were _____.
4. The angel tells the women, "He is not here, for He is _____!"
5. The angel rolled the stone away so that others could see for themselves that Jesus Christ was _____ from the dead.

I. The Meaning of the Resurrection

The Resurrection is proof that God, the Father, accepted the death of Jesus as sufficient payment for our _____.

The Cross was the payment, but the Resurrection was the _____.

The two women were the first messengers of the good news of Jesus' _____.

The women were filled with fear and great _____ as they headed out to do what the angel told them to do.

Jesus told the women, "Do not be _____. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

This is the *first* time Jesus calls his disciples "my _____."

II. The Cover-Up of the Resurrection

The cover-up of the Resurrection begins with the bribery of the _____.

This attempt at cover-up reveals the real darkness of the _____.

They saw the evidence of the Resurrection, yet they rejected that _____.

If it was true that the guards were asleep, how would they know that it was His disciples that _____ the body of Jesus?

If we can believe anything in history, we can believe the reliable, confirmed testimony of these _____.

III. The Response to the Resurrection

In verse 16, the disciples meet _____ in Galilee. "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted." (Mat 28: 16-17 NKJV)

At this meeting, they received their apostolic _____.

The fact that some of the disciples doubted rules out the theory that seeing Jesus was simply a _____ born of a desperate desire to see Him.

The Godhead gave Jesus the _____ to commission the disciples to tell the world about the Resurrection. It is an authoritative command, not a suggestion.

Power in the hands of some people is dangerous, but power in the hands of Christ is _____.

Jesus wanted His work and message to continue to the world through His disciples.

Jesus gave this Great Commission to some very imperfect _____.

The command is to make disciples, not merely _____ or supporters.

It is the making of disciples that is the power of spreading _____.

Jesus commissions the disciples to take the gospel to all the _____. The mission is to make disciples of all men everywhere, without distinction.

Conclusion

The sign of the Abrahamic Covenant was circumcision.
But the sign of the New Covenant in Christ is

_____.

The early church was committed to making _____
and following Christ.

_____ were conducted in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Disciples are made through _____.

This teaching is not with words only, but with the power
of the always-present Jesus.

The presence of Jesus means _____ because
we are never out of His sight or supervision.

His presence means _____ because, as we
fulfill this great command, we work in His name.

His presence means _____ because it always
reminds us that the church belongs to Jesus.

Romans 8: 38, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor
life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things
present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any
other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the
love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 8: 38-
39 NKJV)