

# 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)