


The Bodily
Resurrection of Jesus
Christ

Matthew 28:1 – 15


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Women are the first witnesses

- **Matthew 28:1, 2**

Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.



The earth “shook” and so did the
guards

- **Matthew 28:3, 4**

And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.



The empty tomb

■ **Matthew 28:5, 6**

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.”



Jesus fulfills His prediction

■ **Matthew 28:7**

Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.

■ **Matthew 26:32**

But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.



The deity of Christ

■ **Matthew 28:8, 9**

And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.



Jesus calls His disciples “brothers”

■ **Matthew 28:10**

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.”



The guards knew the truth

■ **Matthew 28:11**

Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.



They are commissioned to lie

■ **Matthew 28:12, 13**

And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’”



They likely bribed Pilate too

■ **Matthew 28:14, 15**

“And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.” And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.



Applications and Implications

- 1) Bad motives can be spiritually fatal
- 2) Jesus is God and deserves worship
- 3) The resurrection makes all people accountable to repent



- 1) Bad motives can be spiritually fatal

■ **Acts 5:30-32**

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.



1) Bad motives can be spiritually fatal

■ **Acts 5:33** (KJV)

When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.



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■ **Acts 7:54** (NKJV)

When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth.



1) Bad motives can be spiritually fatal

■ **Acts 2:36, 37**

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”



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■ **Acts 2:38**

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."



1) Bad motives can be spiritually fatal

■ **Romans 1:20-21**

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.



2) Jesus is God and deserves worship

■ **John 20:27-29**

Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."



3) The resurrection makes all people accountable to repent

■ **Acts 17:30**

Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.



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