

He is Risen

Matthew 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly this was the Son of God.** 55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: 56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

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tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. **61** And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

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I will rise again. **64** Command therefore that

the sepulchre be made sure **until the third day,** lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, **He is risen from the dead:** so the last error shall be worse than the first. **65** Pilate said

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and worshipped him. 10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. 12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, 13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. 14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. 15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

1. Testimony of the centurion 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly this was the Son of God.**

- a. Jesus had died without any bones broken
- b. He willingly gave up His Spirit, His life

- c. There an earthquake that caused everyone to be afraid
- d. The centurion realized that Jesus was truly the Son of God
 - i. He had watched Him die
 - ii. He had heard and seen all that happened
 - iii. He felt the earthquake
 - iv. He cried out that they had really crucified the Son of God
 - v. That Jesus had been exactly who He said that He was
- e. Jesus was literally, physically dead
- f. The death sentence had been carried out

2. Jesus was buried [27:57](#) **When the even was come,** there came a **rich man** of **Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:** [58](#) He went to Pilate, and **begged the body** of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. [59](#) And when **Joseph had taken the body,** he wrapped it

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- a. Joseph of Arimathea had been a secret disciple till now [John 19:38](#) And after this Joseph of Arimathea, being **a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear** of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.
- b. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, the council [Mark 15:43](#) Joseph of Arimathea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.
- c. At great risk and sacrifice he buries Jesus
 - i. His walk in tomb would have been expensive
 - ii. More than that he walks away from his position and friends who had wanted to crucify Jesus

- iii. The great care and expense that Joseph uses as he buries Jesus gives the idea that he did not expect Jesus to really rise again
- d. The government, His disciples, and now His friends have recognized that He is really dead
- e. They made sure His disciples couldn't steal His body 62

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- f. Lessons we can learn from His grave
 - i. Jesus, God in human flesh humbled Himself to death and to be buried. How could He possibly love us so much
 - ii. We should see how horrible our sin was that would cause Him to have to die for us **Isaiah 53:5** *But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: The chastisement of our peace was upon him; And with his stripes we are healed.*
 - iii. His being in a grave reminds me that I will soon be there as well unless the rapture happens first
 - iv. I also see that Jesus is not in the grave. He has defeated death and the grave so I have a certain hope
 - v. When I see the empty grave and know that Jesus has defeated death and the grave then I know that I will have victory because He came to save me completely, to the uttermost **Hebrews 7:25**
Wherefore he is able also to save them to the

uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. We will soon be with Him and be as He is **I John 3:2**

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3. The stone was rolled away **28:1 In the end of the sabbath,** as it began to dawn toward the **first day of the week,** came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. **2** And, behold, there was a **great earthquake:** for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. **3** His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: **4** And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*. **5** And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. **6 He is**

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as he said. **Come, see** the place where the Lord lay.

- a. The angel had come to roll the stone away not to let Him out but to let them in
- b. The guards are terrified and shaking, then pass out
- c. The angel knows why they have come to the grave
- d. He invites them to come and see where the Lord had been laying
- e. But the Lord was not there He had risen
- f. The resurrection teaches us certain basic truths
 - i. The Word of God is totally true and reliable. The resurrection happened just like He said it would **Matthew 12:40** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. **16:21** From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed,

and be raised again the third day. [17:9](#) And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. [23](#) And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

- ii. Jesus is obviously who He said He was. The Son of God. He has power over life and death
- iii. Salvation is complete. He has conquered sin, death, the grave, and hell. The sacrifice has been accepted
- iv. We know that the church indeed has the power of God to do just what Jesus wants [Matthew 16:18](#)
[And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.](#)
- v. Judgment is coming and what Jesus said is obviously true [John 5:22](#) [For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:](#)
- vi. The resurrection proves that He really has prepared a place for us just like He promised. He has gone to prepare us a place [John 14:2](#) [In my Father's house](#)

are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there ye may be also.*

4. The resurrection gives urgency to our message and ministry ⁷ And **go quickly, and tell** his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. ⁸ And they **departed quickly** from the sepulchre with **fear and great joy; and did run** to bring his disciples word. ⁹ And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, **Jesus met them,** saying, All hail. And they came and **held him by the feet,** and **worshipped him.** ¹⁰ Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

- a. They were to go quickly and tell the disciples
- b. They took off running a little afraid but super happy and full of joy
- c. When they saw Jesus again they fell at His feet, holding His feet and worshipping Him
- d. The Jews believed in the resurrection except for the Saducees. But that someone had actually risen had to be life changing
- e. Things have been happening quickly. Two earthquakes, a burial and a resurrection, the veil has been torn in the temple, even other dead have risen from the grave
- f. The cross and the gospel had changed the lives of the apostles and the early church for all of eternity
- g. Now the resurrection screams of the truth of all that they had learned
- h. They will become radical preachers, livers, givers, servers, willing to die for what they have seen and heard

5. The lies began immediately **11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city,**

and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. 12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, 13 Saying, **Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.** 14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. 15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

- a. They told the religious leaders the truth but they didn't want to hear it, believe it, or allow anyone else to know it
- b. They convinced the soldiers to lie. A lie that would normally get them killed but religion was willing to bribe officials to keep their story line going
- c. It was such an obvious lie that people every where knew what had happened
- d. Religion is a system of rules and regulations. It is a desire to help man feel good about himself. Religion

has to protect itself because man naturally wants to rebel

- e. Jesus is something entirely different. He is God in human flesh. He dies, gets buried and rises again
- f. Religion has to take away His power. They must lie
- g. They have denied that He really died. He fainted, he regained consciousness
- h. The apostles snuck His body out and deceived the people
- i. But the truth is that something so big happened that the apostles who were common men would totally turn the world upside down in one generation
- j. Oh that we would believe the resurrection, the gospel and go tell the world