

## **All Things New**

Job 19:23-29; Matthew 28:1-20 / Psalm 16:1-11

### I. Consider the Facts

A. Two women prominent in the early church went to Jesus' tomb. 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. (Matthew 28:1)

B. Mary Magdalene and Mary had come to finish the burial rites. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. (Luke 24:1)

C. An angel had opened the grave and taken charge of it. 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. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: (Matthew 28:2-3)

D. The soldiers on duty at the grave were terrified. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. (Matthew 28:4)

E. The women were welcomed and instructed by the angel. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (Matthew 28:5-6)

F. The angel sent the women to tell the rest of the church what had happened. 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. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. (Matthew 28:7-8)

G. As the women were doing what God called them to do, they encountered Jesus. 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. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. (Matthew 28:9-10)

### II. Remember the Police Report

A. The guards reported their problem to the authorities. 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. (Matthew 28:11)

B. The authorities had taken precautions to prevent the resurrection. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. (Matthew 27:65-66)

C. The authorities bribed the guards. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. (Matthew 28:12-13)

D. The lie has continued across the ages. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. (Matthew 28:14-15)

### III. Act on the Promise

A. Believing in Jesus demands more than bare acknowledgment of facts. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. (Matthew 28:16-17)

B. Jesus had just demonstrated more power than anyone else had ever exercised. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (Matthew 28:18)

C. Jesus confirmed what Old Testament believers expected. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

D. People who believe obey. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

E. The Romans have passed into history; Jesus continues to prevail across the earth. Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. (Isaiah 42:1-4)

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