

MATTHEW

Chapter 28 Bible Study

The Resurrection

¹ Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

² Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. ³ His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. ⁷ And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

⁸ The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. ⁹ And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

Study Guide Questions

1. What day and time was it when the two Mary's went to visit the tomb of Jesus? (V1) _____

2. What happened as the two Mary's approached the tomb? (V2) _____

3. What happened to the Roman guards as this was happening? (V4) _____

4. What did the angel say to the two Mary's? (5 things from V5-7) _____

5. How did the two Mary's respond to the angel's request? (V8) _____

6. While the Mary's were on the way to tell the disciples, who did they run into, and what happened? (V9,10) _____

The Report of the Guard

¹¹ As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened. ¹² A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided to give the soldiers a large bribe. ¹³ They told the soldiers, “You must say, ‘Jesus’ disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body.’¹⁴ If the governor hears about it, we’ll stand up for you so you won’t get in trouble.” ¹⁵ So the guards accepted the bribe and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today.

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

7. What did the Jewish elders decide to do about the fact that Jesus did raise from the dead like He said He would? (V12-14) _____

8. How long did they continue on with that story? (V14) _____

9. When the disciples arrived in Galilee, how many were there, and did they all believe that it was truly Jesus come back from the grave? (V16,17) _____

10. When Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples in Galilee, how much authority had He been by God the Father? (V18) _____

11. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do? (3 things from V19,20) _____

Note: When Jesus said to “Go and make disciples”, He was saying, that they should do what He just got done doing with them, for the last three years. Here is an acronym to help you remember the process of what it takes to make a disciple.

L = Learn the teachings of Jesus Christ found in the scripture.

A = Apply the teaching of Jesus Christ to your everyday life.

S = Share what you have learned with others (pass the teachings on).

T = Train other people to Learn, Apply, Share and Train People (multiply).

Question: The question to ask yourself is ... am I living a life of pouring into other people so that the message of Christ is spreading through the world? When Jesus said “Go and make disciples”, He was not saying “just attend Church”, He was saying that our lives need to look like the lives of His original disciples, and that is to be a totally committed, sold out follower of Christ that bears fruit for His Kingdom.

12. How long did Jesus say He would be with us? (V20) _____

Reflection/Application: What is the one thing that really stood out to you, and how can you apply it to your life? _____

Prayer Guide: Based upon the **fifth** part of the Lord’s Prayer (*don’t let us yield to temptation but rescue us from the evil one*), pray & ask God to help you overcome temptation to do the wrong thing during your day. These temptations comes from your selfish desires inside you, but also are influenced by the evil one (Satan).

Answer Key

1. They went at dawn on Sunday morning.
2. There was an earthquake as an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, he rolled the large stone away (the one that was blocking the tomb), and then he sat on the stone.
3. The guards shook with fear and then fainted.
4. Don’t be afraid, I know you’re looking for Jesus, Jesus isn’t here, He has risen just as He said, come see where His body had been lying, now go quickly and tell His disciples that He was risen from the dead and will meet you in Galilee.
5. They ran quickly, frightened but filled with joy, and they gave the disciples the angel’s message.
6. They ran into Jesus. As He greeted them, they fell at His feet and worshipped Him. Jesus said “Don’t be afraid, go tell my brothers to meet me in Galilee”.
7. They decided to bribe the guards to say that Jesus disciples came during the night and stole His body.
8. The story is still being told today.
9. There were 11 disciples because Judas had killed himself, and some of the disciples doubted.
10. All authority in heaven and on earth.
11. Go and make disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, teach them to obey all the commands He had given them.
12. Jesus said He would be with us always, even to the end of the age.