

RISEN!
Witnesses Who Cannot Stay Silent

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Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon Notes

Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV)

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

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(Answer key located on the last page)

The risen Jesus has placed in our hands the only cure for the greatest disease humanity has ever known — spiritual death itself. The empty tomb is not a secret to _____. It is a message to _____.

I. WITNESSES ARE CALLED IN THE _____

Matthew 28:1–4

1. The two women came to the tomb early Sunday morning in _____ and _____.
2. The angel's appearance was like _____ and his clothing was white as _____.
3. The guards trembled and became like _____ men.
4. The earthquake and the angel were signs that no human _____ is any match for the _____ of God.

APPLICATION:

Every morning this week — before you touch your phone — read Matthew 28:1–10 out loud.

Seven days. He still shows up.

II. WITNESSES ARE CONFIRMED BY THE _____

Matthew 28:5–7

1. The angel's first words were: "Do not be _____."
2. The four most important words in this passage: "He is not _____."
3. Jesus rose exactly _____. He said — those three small words carry enormous weight.
4. The resurrection is the greatest proof that every word God has ever spoken is perfectly _____.

APPLICATION:

Write down 3 promises from Scripture that speak to what you're facing.

Beside each one write: "Because Jesus rose as He said, I trust this completely."

When doubt rises — read them out loud.

III. WITNESSES ARE COMMISSIONED FOR THE

Matthew 28:8–10

1. The women left the tomb with both fear and great _____ at the same time.
2. They did not wait for the fear to go away — they _____ to go tell the disciples.
3. Jesus appeared first to these _____ — people the world would have overlooked.
4. Jesus called the disciples who had failed Him not "failures" but _____ .
5. The resurrection does not just give us hope for the _____ — it restores what was broken in the _____ .

APPLICATION:

One name. Think of it right now. Someone who needs hope. Reach out this week — a text, a call, coffee. Tell them Jesus is alive and that changes everything.

You were not saved to keep this to yourself. The tomb is empty. Go tell somebody.

NEXT STEPS:

- Read Matthew 28:1–10 aloud every morning this week.
- Write down 3 promises from Scripture and trust them because Jesus rose.
- Reach out to one person with the message that Jesus is alive.

One person I will reach out to this week:

Answer Key

• keep • carry

I. WITNESSES ARE CALLED IN THE SILENCE

1. grief and broken dreams
2. lightning / snow
3. dead
4. power / power of God

II. WITNESSES ARE CONFIRMED BY THE PROMISE

1. afraid"
2. here"
3. as he said
4. reliable

III. WITNESSES ARE COMMISSIONED FOR THE MISSION

1. joy
2. Ran
3. Women
4. Brothers
5. past

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)

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