



## Lab Study Guide Winter 2018

Date: 4.1.18  
Text: Matt 28

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Any other Text?: 1 Corinthians 15.1-5; Revelation 21.1-5

1. **Read the Text Together** Read the Text for this week out loud with your group.

2. **Make Observations** What stands out? What phrases caught your attention?  
Any repetition, contrasts, comparisons?

3. **Ask Questions** What is confusing or hard to understand? Any details that might be important?  
Ask: who, what, where, when, why, how?

### 4. Background Information

Interesting insights on The Resurrection:

- Charles Colson – Served as Special Council to President Nixon, who came to believe in Jesus while embroiled in the Watergate scandal says this:
  - *"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world-and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible."*
- Dr. Ian Hutchinson – Professor of Nuclear Science at MIT in a presentation for the Veritas Forum says:
  - *"To explain how a scientist can be a Christian is actually quite simple. Science cannot and does not disprove the resurrection. Natural science describes the normal reproducible working of the world of nature. Indeed, the key meaning of "nature", as Boyle emphasized, is "the normal course of events." Miracles like the resurrection are inherently abnormal.... So if science is not able to adjudicate whether Jesus' resurrection happened or not, are we completely unable to assess the plausibility of the claim? No. Contrary to increasingly popular opinion, science is not our only means for accessing truth. In the case of Jesus' resurrection, we must consider the historical evidence, and the historical evidence for the resurrection is as good as for almost any event of ancient history."*
  - For the full article go to: <http://www.veritas.org/can-scientist-believe-resurrection-three-hypotheses/>

### 5. Application Questions

- What are the challenges/doubts that you have about the resurrection of Jesus?
- In Matt 28, the women (v9) and his disciples (v17) respond to encountering the risen Jesus by worshiping him. What do you think it would have been like to encounter Jesus this way? Have you had a powerful encounter with Jesus that you would be willing to share?
- The reason we know about this story, is because the women at the tomb, and the disciples on the mountain, told their story of how they encountered the risen Jesus. Have you shared your encounter with Jesus, with someone who doesn't know Jesus? If not why not? Will you?

**6. Have everyone answer....**

**What verse or phrase from this passage was most powerful for you this week?**

