

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
JULY 28, 2021
MATTHEW 28:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

1. We are thankful that the story of Jesus did not end with his death and burial. Yet many did not believe in the resurrection. (Matt. 22.23-33; Acts 17.32; 24.21)
2. The significance of His resurrection cannot be overstated.
 - a) The resurrection is evidence of the Sonship of Jesus. (Rom. 1.1-4)
 - b) Through the resurrection we have forgiveness. (1 Pet. 3.21)
 - c) The apostles emphasized the resurrection. (Acts 4.2,33; 17.18; 23.6-8; 24.15)
3. The proof of the resurrection rests on eyewitness accounts. (1 Cor. 15.3-8)

I. THERE IS A TIME

- A. **MATTHEW 28.1:** *“Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn”*
 1. Repeatedly, Jesus and the inspired writers tell us that Jesus would be raised on the third day. (Matt. 17.22,23; Acts 10.40; 1 Cor. 15.4)
 2. Jesus died and was buried on Friday, preparation day. (Matt. 27.57; Mark 15.42)
 3. The tomb was sealed on Saturday, Sabbath day. (Matt. 27.62-64)
 4. Jesus was raised on Sunday, the first day of the week. (Matt. 28.1)
- B. It was *“very early in the morning”* (Mark 16.2; Luke 24.1; John 20.1)

II. THERE IS A WITNESS

- A. **MATTHEW 28.1:** *“Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.”*
 1. Who was the first to witness the resurrected Christ? (Mark 16.9; John 20.11-18)
 2. Jesus was special to Mary Magdalene. (Luke 8.1-3)
- B. There were other women who were also witnesses.
 1. **MARK 16.1:** *“Mary the mother of James, and Salome”*
 2. **LUKE 24.1,10:** *“Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them.”*

III. THERE IS A MESSENGER

- A. The description of the angels.
 1. **MATTHEW 28.2:** *“descended from heaven.”* (cf. Matt. 22.30; 24.36)
 2. **MATTHEW 28.3:** *“His countenance was like lightening, and his clothes as white as snow.”* (cf. Mark 9.3)
- B. The location of the angels.
 1. **MATTHEW 28.2:** *“rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.”*
 2. **MARK 16.5:** *“And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.”*
 3. **LUKE 24.3,4:** *“Then they went in...two men stood by them in shining garments.”*
 4. **JOHN 20.11-13:** *“She saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet.”*
- C. The message of the angels.
 1. The angels make an announcement. (Matt. 28.5,6; Mark 16.6; Luke 24.5-7)
 2. The angels issue a command. (Matt. 28.7,8; Mark 16.7,8)