

# “Risen: Just as He said.”

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## Matthew 28:1-10; 16-20

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." 11-15 [the women went on their way]... 16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

3 truths proclaimed by the resurrection of Jesus:

The Resurrection means...

## I. WE CAN OVERCOME OUR FEARS

- 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid..."  
10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid..."

The Resurrection means...

## 2. WE HAVE A MISSION

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead'

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

(The Great Commission)

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

The Resurrection means...

## 3. WE CAN TRUST IN CHRIST'S PROMISES

v. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

In the last sentence of the Great Commission, Jesus says, (v. 20) "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## CONCLUSION

Even though this world is Uncertain, Jesus Christ isn't!

Easter proved WHO JESUS IS and what He has the POWER TO ACCOMPLISH.

Romans 1:4 [Jesus] was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead.

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