

Living a Resurrected Life: A Life of Power

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Matthew 28:1-15

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 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. 12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'" 14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

Jesus lived the ultimate Life of Power:

- Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35)
- Jesus received the Holy Spirit at Baptism (Luke 3:21-22)
- Jesus' ministry was empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1)
- Jesus was empowered on the cross by the Spirit (Heb 9:14)
- Jesus was resurrected by the power of the Spirit (2 Cor 13:4, Eph 1:19-20)
- Jesus sent his Spirit to live in us. (John 16:7, Luke 24:49)

By the same power of the Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, We have the power to...

1. **FACE PAIN AND UNCERTAINTY WITH FAITH**

Matt 28:10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid."

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Matt 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

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2. **LIVE LIFE WITH GREAT JOY AND PURPOSE**

Matt 28:8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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3. **ANTICIPATE ETERNITY WITH PEACE AND CONFIDENCE**

1 Cor 6:14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Phil 3:10-11 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.