

XIII. THE PARTICULARS SURROUNDING THE KING'S RESURRECTION (Matt. 28:1-20)

A. AFTER CHRIST'S BURIAL CERTAIN WOMEN VISITED HIS TOMB AND WITNESSED CERTAIN MIRACULOUS THINGS (Matt. 28:1-8).

1. Matthew recorded that Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (the mother of James, Lk. 24:10) went very early to Jesus' tomb on Sunday morning (Matt. 28:1).
2. At the tomb these women witnessed that a great earthquake had taken place and they saw an angel who had descended and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. Matthew said when the keepers or soldiers had witnessed these things they feared and were like dead men. In other words, they were so frightened they couldn't move (Matt. 28:2-4).
3. The angel, who rolled the stone, away told these women not to fear and then testified concerning Christ's resurrection. Then He commanded them to tell His disciples He would go before them into Galilee (Matt. 28:5-7).

B. AFTER CHRIST'S RESURRECTION THESE SAME WOMEN SAW HIM AND WORSHIPPED HIM (Matt. 28:8-10).

1. Note Matthew says the women obeyed the angel's word and went with fear and joy to tell Jesus' disciples (Matt. 28:8).
2. Matthew says, as these women went to tell Jesus' disciples, they met Him and worshipped Him. Then He told them to tell His brethren or disciples to go into Galilee and there they would see Him (Matt. 28:9,10).

C. AFTER CHRIST'S RESURRECTION THE SOLDIERS WHO GUARDED HIS TOMB WERE BRIBED (Matt. 28:11-15).

1. Some of the soldiers who had guarded the tomb went and told the chief priests all the things which had happened at the tomb (Matt. 28:11).
2. The priests then assembled the elders and they decided to give the soldiers much money to lie and say to others that Jesus' disciples had come and stole His body away while they slept. This story then was perpetuated among the Jews (Matt. 28:12-15).

D. AFTER CHRIST'S RESURRECTION HIS DISCIPLES MET HIM IN GALILEE AND WERE COMMISSIONED AND COMMANDED TO WIN OTHERS AND TO TEACH THEM (Matt. 28:16-20).

1. Matthew says the eleven disciples met Jesus on the mountain where He had appointed them

and they worshipped Him there (Matt. 28:16,17).

2. At that time, Jesus spoke to them and commissioned them under His authority and commanded them to carry on His work (Matt. 28:18-20). Literally, He said, "Therefore, while going make disciples of all nations." They were to win others to Christ, then baptize those converted and teach them to "keep all things" they had been commanded to do. Along with this command Jesus promised to be with them and no doubt others until the "completion" of the "age" meaning throughout the church age.

EXPOSITORY NOTES

Matt. 28:1 This verse says literally, "In the end of the Sabbaths" (plural). From that time, the first day of the week (Sunday) became the Christian memorial day for worshipping the Lord.

Matt. 28:12-15 Note that bribery of the soldiers is proof also that Jesus had resurrected from the dead. Had this story been true they would have paid with their lives. Note what happened to those soldiers who guarded Peter (Acts 12:19).

Matt. 28:19 The word "go" in this verse is a present participle to be translated as "while going" and the word "teach" means to "make disciples." In other words, they were to witness and win others wherever they went.

Matt. 28:20 The word "observe" means "to keep" and the word "world" means "age."

QUESTIONS WE MAY APPLY TO OUR LIVES

1. Why should Christians worship on Sundays and not on the Sabbath which is Saturday?

2. What lesson about obedience can we learn from Matt. 28:7,9? _____

3. According to Matt. 28:18 what right do we have to witness and try to win others to the Lord?

4. What promise can we claim from Matt. 28:20 as we witness and try to win others to the Lord?

Sources

MacDonald, William. *Believer's Bible Commentary*. Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1980

Zodhiates, Spiros. *The complete Word Study Dictionary*. Chattanooga, Tennessee: AMG Publishers, 1992

Unger, Merrill F. *Unger's Bible Dictionary*. Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1957