

The Challenge of Christ's Resurrection

Matthew 28

A. The Disruption at the Tomb. 28:1-7

1. Journey to the grave. 28:1
2. "Natural" disaster. 28:1
3. Angelic intervention. 28:2-4
 - a. The angel and the stone. 28:2
 - b. Guards like dead men. 28:3-4
 - c. An angel spoke to the women. 28:5-7
 - 1) An angel was necessary...
 - 2) An angel is necessary
 - d. God wants the message told!

B. Jesus Appeared to the Women. 28:8-10

1. Jesus appeared to the women. 28:8-9
2. He told them to report on His resurrection. 28:10
3. Jesus wants the message told!

C. The Chief Priests' Scam. 28:11-15

1. The report of the guards. 28:11
2. The offered bribe. 28:12-14
3. The lie. 28:15
4. The lies persist today
5. Even some preachers don't believe Jesus really arose from the dead.
6. What is the truth?

D. The Truth Confirmed: The Apostle Paul (A.D. 56) 1 Cor. 15

1. Jesus' death and burial and resurrection were according to Scripture. 1 Cor. 15:3-4
2. 500 men saw Jesus alive at one time. 1 Cor. 15:5-6
3. What if Jesus were not raised?
 - a. Our preaching is worthless. 1 Cor. 15:14
 - b. Our faith is worthless. 1 Cor. 15:17
 - c. We are still in our sins. 1 Cor. 15:17
4. Christ has been raised! 1 Cor. 15:20
5. He is the first fruits (guarantee). 1 Cor. 15:23

E. The Great Assignment. 28:16-20

1. All authority. Jesus has been given all authority. 28:18
2. All the nations. Make disciples of all the nations. 28:19
3. All things. Teach them to observe all things I have commanded. 28:20
4. All the days. I am with you all the days. 28:20

F. What is the Challenge of the Resurrection?

1. You must be an OBEDIENT LEARNER of Jesus.
2. You must be a RECRUITER for Jesus.
3. You can't possibly keep it to yourself, can you?