EASTER SERMON - Matthew 28:1-10

1. Verse #1 – “... the first day of the week...” We worship on Sunday, The first day of the week because Jesus arose on that first day. So Every time we worship on Sunday, we celebrate Jesus glorious Resurrection. Also, note in this verse, that the women were the first to come to the tomb. God uses women.

2. Verse #2 – “the earth did quake...” Notice when Jesus died on the Cross, the earth also did quake. (Matt. 27:51) The rocks also rent. God is never surprised by anything. Nature is in God’s hands. Other scriptures that mention earthquakes are: Ex. 19:18; I Sam. 14:15; I Kings 19:11; Acts 16:26; Rev. 11:19.

Other scriptures about nature: Psalms 146:15-19 / Job 26:7-14.

Note: God used 1 angel to roll the stone back. Psalms 91:11 – God gives His angels charge over us to keep and protect us. Other Bible examples of how God used 1 powerful angel: Acts 5:19 – to open a prison door. Acts 12:23-to smite King Herod.


NEVER PRAY TO or WORSHIP ANGELS.

4. Verse #4 – “...became as dead men.” The prison guards (who were men) Were scared and shocked. They shook and possibly went unconscious. The Power of God “hit” them very strongly. Other scripture references of how the power of God touched people in the Bible: John 18:6; II Chron. 5:11-14;
I Kings 8:11; Rev. 1:17; Acts 9:4. God had to do something to keep the guards from interrupting God’s perfect plan. So, God interrupted the guard’s plans. Today, we want God to interrupt our plans if those plans are not His perfect will. You don’t want God permissive will.

5. Verse #5 - The angel knew why the women were there. It was to see the body of Jesus. So, the angels reassured the women by saying, “Fear not”. Other scriptures were “fear not” are mentioned: Matt. 1:20; Luke 2:10; Luke 1:30; Luk3 1:13, are just a few examples. The spirit world is not the Same as the natural world. What mortals think is unusual, is not in the spirit world.

6. Verse #6 – “He is not here: for He is risen as He saith...” Predictions foretold in: Mark 8:31; Luke 9:22; John 3:34.

7. Verse #7 - “Go quickly...“tell”...“He goeth before you”...”there shall ye see Him....”
   Once we are saved, we need to go and tell the good news! Mark 16:15.
   Woman at the well – John 4:28 – She left, went and told.
   Woman with the issue of blood – Mark 5:25-34 – She heard, she said, she did, she got, she told.

   NOTE: If God wants to send you a message, He will through His Word. (The Bible) He can through talking to Him in prayer. God can and does use Angels. Hebrews 13:2 tells us that we can “entertain angels unawares.”

8. Verse #8 – “they departed quickly....” to share the good news. Enough said. We have the good news and Easter is a reminder of that. What are we doing with it? Mark 16:15.

9. Verse #9 - “...as they went ... Jesus met them...they came....and worshipped Him.”
   When we go and tell the gospel message, He will meet us and help us in our time of need. It may not always be the way we thought or planned, but
when He speaks to us, we will know it. If we have a right relationship with God (not a religion, but again, a relationship), we will have confidence we are hearing from Him.

10. Verse #10 – Jesus cautioned the women not to be afraid but to “go tell thy brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see Me.” He knew those women would tell it! (smile)

Can God count on YOU to go unto all the world that you encounter in your daily life, and share the good news that “He is risen”? Matthew 28:6.

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