



**Matthew 28:1-10**

- Matt. 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.
- Matt. 28:2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.
- Matt. 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.
- Matt. 28:4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.
- Matt. 28:5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
- Matt. 28:6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
- Matt. 28:7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."
- Matt. 28:8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.
- Matt. 28:9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.
- Matt. 28:10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

## Observations & Discussion

1. All four Gospels tell us that it was the women who were the first disciples to come to the tomb. Where were the male disciples, and why do you think they didn't go to Jesus' tomb?
2. All of the disciples were potential targets for arrest and crucifixion because of their relationship with Jesus. Why do you think the women put aside their fear to go and anoint Jesus' body? (Clues—read Mark 16:9 & Luke 7:40-47).
3. Read Mark 16:1-3; what were the women expecting to find when they came to the tomb? What was their greatest concern?
4. When the women arrived at Jesus' tomb they were surprised by a number of things that they didn't expect! I count at least four surprises—what do think the women were surprised by?
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
  - D.
5. What are the biggest, unexpected surprises that you have experienced since you've come into a relationship with Jesus?
6. Read Philippians 3:10. What does it mean to know the power of Jesus' resurrection in your life? Are you experiencing that power?