

The Resurrection - Matthew 28:1-10

Topics: Angels, Basics of the Faith, Believe, Celebration, Evangelism, Feelings, Gentleness, Good News, Gospel, Jesus Christ, Miracles, Power, Praise, Prophecy, Resurrection, Salvation, Success, Victory, Witnessing, Worship

Open It

- * 1. In your opinion, what is the most significant event in history?
- 2. If you could go back in time and witness any historical event, which one would you choose? Why?
- 3. What is the most awesome display of power you have ever seen?

Explore It

- 4. When did the events of this passage occur? (28:1)
- 5. Who went to Jesus' tomb? (28:1)
- 6. What significant events took place that morning? (28:2)
- 7. Where did the angel go, and what did he do? (28:2)
- 8. What did the angel look like? (28:3)
- 9. What effect did the angel have on the guards at the tomb of Jesus? (28:4)
- * 10. What amazing news did the angel announce to the women at the tomb? (28:5-6)
- 11. What invitation did the angel give the women? (28:6)
- * 12. What command did the angel give Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary"? (28:7)
- 13. How did the women feel as they left the tomb? (28:8)
- * 14. What kind of meeting took place as the women were going to tell the disciples about Jesus? (28:9)
- 15. How did the women respond when Jesus met them? (28:9)
- 16. What words of challenge and comfort did the women receive? (28:10)

Get It

- 17. If you can mentally place yourself at the tomb of Christ on that first "Easter morning," what emotions would you be feeling?
- * 18. Why is the Resurrection important to us as Christians?
- * 19. What attitude should we have in light of the fact of Jesus' resurrection?
- 20. How might you answer a skeptic who argued that Jesus didn't really rise from the dead?
- 21. Why should we be interested and motivated to tell others about this amazing historical fact?
- 22. How does Jesus' warm, loving attitude—even toward the disciples who deserted him—give you comfort?

Apply It

- * 23. When and where could you spend a few minutes meditating on the truth of this passage over the next week?
- 24. In what practical and realistic ways can you become more effective this week in spreading the good news about Christ?