

Matthew 28:11-17
Denying the Undeniable

That same morning ...

- I. A Disturbing Report
 - A. Stupefied Guards
 - B. In the Meantime
- II. A Devilish Rumor
 - A. Spreading a Lie
 - B. In the Meantime
- III. An Undeniable Resurrection
 - A. Suppressing the Truth
 - B. In the Meantime

... the truth could not be stopped.

Children, listen ...

1. What were the women on their way to do?
2. What did the guards go to tell the chief priests about?
3. What did the priests pay the guards to do?
4. Were the guards and chief priest able to stop the truth about Jesus from getting out?

To This Day

The guards assigned to secure Jesus' tomb had quite the story to tell! The earthquake they experienced that morning would have been felt by everyone in the surrounding area, but not everyone saw an angel descend from heaven! When they did, they passed out for fear. When they came to, they went and told everything to the chief priests, and the coverup began. The Jewish leaders spin a yarn, pay off the guards, and the rumor that Jesus' body was stolen begins. At the time of Matthew's writing, the fake news was still spreading. Versions of such deceptions have been spreading ever since. In the meantime, people were meeting resurrected Jesus, so that news began to spread too. It was still spreading at the time of Matthew's writing and it has not stopped. The message that Jesus, "who was dead, is now alive!" is at the heart of the Gospel, and the Gospel can't be stopped. When lies about Jesus are embraced, they bring only misery, bondage and death, and many are deceived. When the Gospel is embraced through faith, the result is the joy of salvation, freedom from sin, and new life in Christ through the power of His resurrection!