

Matthew 28:1–15

The Right Response to the Resurrection

I. A Report of the First Easter _____

A. The _____ Cries Out

¹Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.

²And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.

³And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

⁴The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

B. The Messenger Delivers the Good News

⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.

⁶“He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

⁷“Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”

C. The Response of _____ .

⁸And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.

⁹And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

II. A Report of the First Easter _____ .

A. The Messenger Delivers the Good News

¹¹Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.

B. The Response of _____ .

¹²And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

¹³and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’

¹⁴“And if this should come to the governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.”

¹⁵And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.