



DAY 8 SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

RESURRECTION DAY!

READ SCRIPTURE:

- Matthew 28:1-15

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." ¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

- John 20:19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with

you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Why is it unique that all four gospels say women are the first to report the empty tomb? Why would this be counterintuitive if the resurrection was a myth?
2. How does the presence of Jesus change the disciples perspective on everything? How does the presence of the same Jesus change your perspective on everything? How do we experience this abiding presence of Jesus?
3. Why is the resurrection the single most important event in the Christian faith? Why does everything hinge on the reality of the resurrection? What would it mean for the Christian faith, and for you personally, if the resurrection wasn't real?
4. How does the fact that Jesus is alive and not in the tomb give you hope for facing the realities of life in this world where Coronavirus and cancer and war and job loss and persecution are a reality?
5. What about those chief priests, they are presented yet again with a miracle of Jesus and they yet again refuse to believe? Why were their hearts so hardened towards Christ? What can we learn from their folly?

PRAYER:

- Thank God that the tomb is empty and that Jesus is alive! This changes everything! Praise God that the Savior of the world is alive and well and will one day come and take his followers to be with him forever!