

The Good News According to Matthew

Matthew Chapter 28

Two Marys View the Tomb

¹Now late on the Sabbath day, as it began to dusk *and come* toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

Angel Opens Jesus' Empty Tomb

²And Look!, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of Yahweh descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and was sitting on it.³His appearance was like lightning, and his garment white as snow,⁴ and for fear of him the guards shook, and became as dead *men*.

⁵And the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not fear, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified.⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said. Come, see the place where he was lying,⁷ and go quickly and tell his disciples he was raised from the dead. And Look!, he is going before you into Galilee. You will see him there. See!, I have told you.”⁸And having departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to report about him to his disciples.⁹And Look!, Jesus met them, saying, “Greetings.” And they came and took hold of his feet and paid homage to him.¹⁰Then Jesus says to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go away to Galilee, and they will see me there.”

The Report of the Guards

¹¹Now while they were going, Look!, some of the guard came into the city, and told the chief priests all the things that happened.¹²And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,¹³ saying, “Say that his disciples came during the night *and* stole him away while we were sleeping.¹⁴ And if the governor hears about this, we will persuade him and keep you out of trouble.”¹⁵So they took the money and did as they were instructed, and this report was spread around among the Jews, *and continues* until this day.

The Great Commission

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them.¹⁷ And when they saw him they bowed before *him*, but some doubted.¹⁸ And Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore,

go and make disciples of all the nations in my name,^{a20} teaching them to obey all that I commanded you. And remember!, I am with you always, even to the end of the Age.”

a [19] This is similar to the reading of the Shem Tov Hebrew manuscript and the Greek manuscript Eusebius quoted before the Council of Nicaea. The traditional reading is: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (ESV).