







1 Kings 19:11-13

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

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**AN EARTHQUAKE
ON
EASTER MORNING**

MATTHEW 28:1-10

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1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

Matthew 28:1-10 - continued

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Matthew 28:1-10 - continued

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Introduction (28:1-2)

A. Women On Their Way To A Grave (v 1)

B. Easter's Earthquake Changed Everything (v 2)

Matthew 17:20

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

I. The Conquest Of Fear (28:3-6)

A. The guards of the tomb were afraid of the angel

Hebrews 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

B. The women were temporarily afraid

1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

C. The resurrection of Christ dispelled their fears

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

II. The Commissioning Of Those Who Believed (28:7-8)

A. “Go quickly and tell his disciples”

Acts 4:20

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

B. The women accepted their commission and obeyed

C. Why should anyone hold back from delivering this message?

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

III. Those Who Obey Meet Jesus On Their Way

(28:9-10)

A. Once on the move, the women met the Master

- 1. Meeting Jesus moved their hearts to worship Him**
- 2. They heard His voice and fell at His feet**

B. Christ's comforting words must be shared with others

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

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C. Great things were ahead and they were part of His plan

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

**Christ Did This For Us,
What Will We Do For Him?**