

***STUDYING THE BOOK OF MATTHEW***  
***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

**Lesson 116 - The Resurrection - Matthew 28:1-10**

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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MT 28:1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

MT 28:2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. [3] His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. [4] The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

MT 28:5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. [6] He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. [7] Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

MT 28:8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. [9] Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. [10] Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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- 1428. When did the events of this passage occur? (28:1)
- 1429. Who went to Jesus' tomb? (28:1)
- 1430. What significant events took place that morning? (28:2)
- 1431. Where did the angel go, and what did he do? (28:2)
- 1432. What did the angel look like? (28:3)
- 1433. What effect did the angel have on the guards at the tomb of Jesus? (28:4)
- 1434. What amazing news did the angel announce to the women at the tomb? (28:5-6)

1435. What invitation did the angel give the women? (28:6)
1436. What command did the angel give Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary"? (28:7)
1437. How did the women feel as they left the tomb? (28:8)
1438. What kind of meeting took place as the women were going to tell the disciples about Jesus? (28:9)
1439. How did the women respond when Jesus met them? (28:9)
1440. What words of challenge and comfort did the women receive? (28:10)

### **Lesson 117 - The Guards' Report - Matthew 28:11-15**

MT 28:11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. [12] When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, [13] telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' [14] If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." [15] So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### **Lesson 117 - The Guards' Report - Matthew 28:11-15**

1441. While the women were going out to spread the good news, what did the guards from the tomb do? (28:11)
1442. What groups met to discuss the "emergency" of Jesus' missing body? (28:12)
1443. What did the meeting of religious leaders produce? (28:12)
1444. What did the chief priests give the soldiers? Why? (28:12-13)
1445. Whom did the chief priests bribe? Why? (28:12-13)
1446. Whom did the chief priests and elders use? Why? (28:12-13)
1447. What did the religious leaders tell the soldiers to say? (28:13)
1448. How did the religious leaders reassure the guards that they would not get in trouble with the Roman government? (28:14)

1449. What did the soldiers think about the plot? (28:15)

1450. To what degree was the story made up by Jesus' enemies spread and believed? (28:15)

1451. How do you think the soldiers felt as they made their way back to headquarters?

1452. To what do you account the Jewish leaders' stubborn unwillingness to acknowledge the Resurrection?

### **Lesson 118 - The Great Commission - Matthew 28:16-20**

MT 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. [17] When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. [18] Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in\* the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### **Lesson 118 - The Great Commission - Matthew 28:16-20**

1453. Who went to Galilee? When? (28:16)

1454. Where did the disciples gather? Why? (28:16)

1455. Why did the disciples assemble on the specific mountain they chose? (28:16)

1456. Who appeared to the disciples? When? (28:16-17)

1457. What responses did Jesus' appearance elicit? (28:17)

1458. What did Jesus say about Himself? (28:18)

1459. Where did Jesus tell His disciples to go? (28:19)

1460. What did Jesus tell His disciples to make? (28:19)

1461. What activities were the disciples to be involved in? (28:19-20)

1462. With what words of comfort did Jesus leave His disciples? (28:20)

1463. What does it mean to "make disciples"?

1464. What role do you have in making disciples?

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