

Unlikely Witnesses
Discussion Notes
Matthew 28.1-10
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Message summary - Mary Magdalene & the other Mary were unlikely witnesses to the resurrection. You be one too! Tell your friends & family the New Creation has begun.

Intro question - What's the most unexpected thing you have ever witnessed?

Describe the burial method used in this time and place. It was not burial or cremation. (Put the body on a shelf in a "multi-unit" tomb. Wait for the flesh to decay. Then gather the bones and put them in a box.)

Read Matthew 27.57 - 28.15

Are there any loopholes in the story that Jesus rose from the dead?
Explain the reason why these alternate explanations are implausible.

- Women looked at the wrong shelf in the "multi-unit" tomb
- Disciples stole the body
- Women went to the wrong tomb
- Jesus didn't really die
- Disciples convinced themselves but it didn't really happen

Why were the women unlikely witnesses?

Are you more like Mary Magdalene or "the other Mary"? Why?

Prayer suggestion - Pray to be a good witness, however unlikely you may be.