

Matthew 28:1-15

RESURRECTION DAY THE GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY



Introduction: What was the _____ DAY in history? Was it:

I. It happened on a _____ – 28:1

1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

II. It was a _____ Day – 28:2-3

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

A. There was an _____ – 28:2

Verse 2 tells us that on this Sunday there was a great earthquake. There are earthquakes (27:51), and then there are great earthquakes (28:2). This was an earthquake that was remembered!

Earthquakes used to be measured using...

B. There was an _____ – 28:2-3

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III. It was a _____ Day – 28:4-5

4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

A. The _____ were fearful – 28:4

The soldiers guarding the tomb were fearful when they saw the _____ of the Lord. We read that they shook for fear. Here are some examples:

B. The _____ were afraid – 28:5

“Do not be afraid,”

IV. It was a Christ _____ Day – 28:6-7

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 indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

A. The Angel’s _____ – 28:6

The angel said to the women: *“He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”*

B. The Women’s _____ – 28:7

“And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

You have got to love the words: “*Go and Tell*”. The message remains the _____ today.

V. It was a _____ Day – 28:8-10

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

A. It was a day of “_____ and great _____” – 28:8

What brings _____ into your life?

What days bring you the most _____ in life?

B. It was a day of _____ and _____ – 28:9

We are told that Jesus met them and said to them, “*Rejoice!*” Jesus, too, put his stamp of _____ on Resurrection Sunday as being a day of great joy.

The word Worship means, “to _____ down, to prostrate oneself, to show _____ or adoration.” These women were expressing reverence, awe, devotion, and submission to Jesus.

C. It was a day of _____ and _____ – 28:9

Jesus reminded the women that they were not to be afraid but were to “*go and tell*” His disciples that they were to go to Galilee, and that there they would see Him.

VI. It was a _____ Day – 28:11-15

11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

A. The _____ give a report – 28:11

B. The _____ assemble with the elders – 28:12

12 When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, 13 saying, “Tell them, ‘His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.’

The words “*consulted together*” simply mean, more _____ and more schemes were being carried out. No doubt they were putting their minds together to create new lies.

C. The elders _____ the soldiers – 28:14

14 And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and make you secure.”

D. The Soldiers got their _____ – 28:15

15 So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

Conclusion: What does this day mean for us?

1. No day in history _____ this day.
2. Every Lord’s Day should be marked by deliberate _____ upon the Resurrection of Christ.
3. The Resurrection is not a _____ to be kept private.
4. Because of the Resurrection, believers may possess a _____ that overcomes fear.
5. Lies concerning the Resurrection will continue to _____ and shift, but they must be rejected. The unchanging truth remains: “*He is risen from the dead.*” ([Matthew 28:7](#)).