

The Invincible God

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"What Is God Like?"

Matthew 27:57-28:10
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Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

1. An Undeniable Picture Of Defeat (Matthew 27:57-61)

- a. Death (57-58) - When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.
- b. Burial (59-60) - "And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away."
- c. Grief (61) - "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb."

2. An Ungodly Plan Of Defiance (27:62-66)

- a. Religious cowardice (62-63) - "The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while He was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.'
- b. Desperate measures (64) - "Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples go and steal Him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first."
- c. Political authority (65-66) - "Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard."

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3. An Unstoppable Power Of Deliverance (Matthew 28:1-10)

- a. The testimony of Heaven & Earth (1-3) - "Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men."

The earth shook ...the angel sat...the guards shook

- b. The dethroning of the power of death (5-7) - "But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you."
- c. The imparting of joy, courage and hope (8-10) - "So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."