



# Every Day in Every Way

*Holy Week 2026 • Resurrection Sunday*

# Intro: The Hope of Humanity

What is your **GREATEST** Hope?

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**Is Heaven real?**

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The EMPTY TOMB is the proof that there is life after death.

The EMPTY TOMB is the proof of the claims and promises of Jesus.



# Matthew 28:1-10

# I. He Is Risen (1-10)

“The other Mary” —> Mary, the mother of James (Luke 24:10)... James the Lesser (James, the son of Alphaeus).

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The two Marys are visiting the tomb of Jesus because the Sabbath is over and it is permitted to make the journey now (not because they are expecting a Resurrection).

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The first witnesses of the Resurrection are women, who could not give testimony in court, yet Jesus chooses them to testify to His own disciples about what they have seen!

# I. He Is Risen (1-10)

The response of the women to seeing the Risen Christ is to **WORSHIP** Him. This is not, "We're happy to see you." This is, "We believe you are **GOD!**"



# Matthew 28:11-15

## II. Cover Story (11-15)

The guards (Romans) report to the Chief Priests (Jewish). These enemies work together because both view a Risen Jesus as a major threat to their power!

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Maybe if we provide a “cover story” that sounds more reasonable than a miraculous Resurrection, the people will believe it!

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In order to believe the cover story, we must believe that the BEST of the BEST Roman soldiers ALL fell asleep during the most important mission of their lives.

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Even if the disciples did somehow steal the body, all Rome would have to do is capture and torture the disciples until they revealed the location of Jesus' body... produce a body, and the world will know He has not risen!

## II. Cover Story (11-15)

All of the disciples were persecuted for their faith in a Risen Christ... nearly all were martyred... and yet **NONE** of them recanted their faith. Would you be willing to die for what you know is a lie?



# Matthew 28:16-20

# III. Great Commission (16-20)



“The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the MOUNTAIN where Jesus told them to go.”

### III. Great Commission (16-20)

This is the same mountain where Jesus commissioned the 12 Apostles.

He appointed them to be with Him...

And He appointed them to be **SENT!**

### III. Great Commission (16-20)

From here on out, the Disciples live as those who are SENT... they are on a mission.

Peter goes to Rome, Andrew goes to Greece, Thomas goes to India!

**Conclusion - Firstfruits (Your tomb will be empty too!)**

**We follow Jesus Every Day and in Every Way.**

**We follow Him in life.**

**And we will follow Him in death!**

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**1 Corinthians 15:12-23**

# Conclusion - Firstfruits (Your tomb will be empty too!)

Now:

Perishable body

Dishonor

Weakness

Natural body

Someday:

Imperishable body

Glory

Power

Spiritual body

# Conclusion - Firstfruits (Your tomb will be empty too!)

The Promise of Resurrection Sunday is that if we follow Jesus in life... we will follow Him in death. And if Christ has Risen, then we will also Rise... your tomb will be empty too!



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