

HE AIN'T HERE!

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When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said,

"Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body.

Mark 16:5-6 (NLT)

*Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased **burial spices** so they could **anoint Jesus' body**.* **Mark 16:1 (NLT)**

*Very early on **Sunday morning**, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"* **Mark 16:2-3 (NLT)**

But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, **Mark 16:4-5 (NLT)**

but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. **Mark 16:6 (NLT)**

Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." **Mark 16:7 (NLT)**

The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened. **Mark 16:8 (NLT)**

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ should change...

1. How we view **OUR OBSTACLES.**

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2. How we view **OUR OPPOSITION**.

*Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. **The guards shook with fear** when they saw him, and they **fell into a dead faint**.* **Matthew 28:2-4 (NLT)**

3. How we view **OUR GOD!**

*But the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. **He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!** Look, this is where they laid his body.* **Mark 16:6 (NLT)**

*Now go and tell his disciples, **including Peter**, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."* **Mark 16:7 (NLT)**

The empty tomb is...

Evidence of His resurrection.
An Invitation for us to believe in Him.