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THE RESURRECTION TOO GOOD NOT TO BE TRUE

Matthew 28:1–10



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- #1 | The Historical Evidence**
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#1 | THE HISTORICAL EVIDENCE



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¹ 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**.



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57 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.



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59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud **60** 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. **61** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.



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⁹ And they made his grave **with the wicked**
and **with a rich man** in his death



⁵⁵ There were also **many women** there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were

Mary Magdalene

and **Mary the mother of James and Joseph**

and **the mother of the sons of Zebedee.**



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- 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.



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⁴ And for fear of him
the guards trembled
and became like dead men.



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⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said,

“Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’



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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."



- 65** Pilate said to them,
“You have a guard of soldiers.
Go, make it as secure as you can.”
- 66** So they went and made the tomb secure
by sealing the stone
and setting a guard.



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- ⁵ 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.



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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.”



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⁸ So they

departed quickly from the tomb
with fear and great joy,
and ran to **tell** his disciples.



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9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!”

And they came up
and took hold of his feet
and worshiped him.



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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.”



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#1 | THE HISTORICAL EVIDENCE



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The Historical Evidence of the Resurrection

makes it too implausible **not** to be true.



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#2 | THE DIVINE PRESCRIPTION



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²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, **an angel of the Lord appeared** to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for **he will save his people from their sins.**”



22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).



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¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, **an angel of the Lord appeared** to Joseph in a dream and said,

“Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, **to destroy him.**”



¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod.

This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet,

“Out of Egypt I called my son.”



¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, **an angel of the Lord appeared** in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying,

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”



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21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and **being warned in a dream** he withdrew to the district of Galilee.



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²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth,
**so that what was spoken by the prophets might be
fulfilled**, that he would be called a Nazarene.



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21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and **suffer** many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be **killed**, and on the third day **be raised**.



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²³ But he turned and said to Peter,

“Get behind me, Satan!

You are a hindrance to me.

For you are not **setting your mind**

on the things of God,

but on the things of man.”



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32 But **after I am raised up,**
I will go before you to Galilee.



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53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But how then should **the Scriptures be fulfilled. . .**



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⁵⁶ But all this has taken place
that **the Scriptures** of the prophets **might be fulfilled.**



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#2 | THE DIVINE PRESCRIPTION



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The Divine Prescription of the Resurrection
makes it too imperative **not** to be true.



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#3 | THE ETERNAL IMPLICATIONS



27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

28 “Drink of it, all of you,
for this is my **blood of the covenant**,
which is poured out for many
for the forgiveness of sins.”



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29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you **in my Father's kingdom."**



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31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make **a new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,



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33 For this is **the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts.

And **I will be their God,**
and **they shall be my people.**



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For **I will forgive their iniquity,**
and I will remember their sin no more."



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#3 | THE ETERNAL IMPLICATIONS



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The Eternal Implications of the Resurrection

make it too important **not** to be true.



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How Shall We Respond?

Like the first eyewitnesses—the faithful women.



How Shall We Respond?

Come and See the Resurrected Jesus

Worship the Resurrected Jesus

Go and Tell about the Resurrected Jesus



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