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Your Door

Matthew 27:57-66; 28:1-9



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Matthew 27:57–61 (NIV)

“As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.

Matthew 27:57–61 (NIV)

Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.”

Matthew 27:62–66 (NIV)

“The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day.

Matthew 27:62–66 (NIV)

Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.'

Matthew 27:62–66 (NIV)

‘Take a guard,’ Pilate answered. ‘Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.’ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.”

Matthew 28:1–9 (NIV)

“After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

Matthew 28:1–9 (NIV)

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women,

Matthew 28:1–9 (NIV)

‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples:

Matthew 28:1–9 (NIV)

He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. Now I have told you.’ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Matthew 28:1–9 (NIV)

Suddenly Jesus met them. ‘Greetings,’ he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.”

* It's not the historicity some people worry about; it's the relevance. What difference does it make to my life?



Ephesians 1:18–20 (NIV)

“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 1:18–20 (NIV)

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms...”

* The same power that
brought Jesus back from the
dead is
available to us.




Ephesians 1:4, 5

(Message Bible Paraphrase)

“Long before [God] laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of His love, to be made whole and holy by His love. Long, long ago He decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ.”

* God can remake you and instill value and purpose into your life by transforming your personal identity.



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* While many of us appear free, we are actually enslaved to the things of this world.



1 John 5:3–5 (NIV)

“This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”

1 Corinthians 15:55 (NIV)

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where,
O death, is your sting?”

*The power of the resurrection breaks the fear of death in our lives.

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1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV)

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

John 10:7
(New Century Version)

“I am the door...”

John 14:6 (NIV)

“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except
through me.”

* Christianity is the most inclusive religion in the world.



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