

"Alive or a Lie? – Matthew 28"

March 30/31, 2013

Getting Started

1. Share something about the Easter traditions you had growing up (assuming you had one)?
2. As you celebrate Christ's death and resurrection this year, what stands out (maybe some fact, maybe an emotion or implication)?

Digging In

1. Read the crucifixion account in Matthew's Gospel and put in your own words how Christ's followers must have felt after his death. Look at Matthew 27:27-50.
2. Read 28: 1-4. Describe what happened and answer why these things happened.
3. According to verses 5-7, what were the women told to see and what were they told to do?
4. What was the women's reaction to the empty tomb (cf v 8) and what is surprising about their reaction?
5. Verse 9 describes their surprise meeting with Jesus. What did they do? Look at Matthew 26:50 to see the last time Matthew used the word "grasp" and note the differences.
6. While the women return to the disciples, the report gets back to the chief priests. Read (vv 11-15) and describe the "resurrection cover up." What's wrong with their story, and what can we learn about these religious leaders from it?

Bringing it Home

1. How does the women's response to Jesus shed light on how you are responding to him today? How would you describe yourself in relationship to Christ? They fell at his feet and worshipped Him, what about you?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:14-17, 1 Peter 1:3, Romans 4:25, 8:11 and Romans 10:9 and write out the implications for us if Jesus Christ was not raised from the dead.
3. How do you explain how people with the same evidence came to such different conclusions about Jesus? Look up 2 Corinthians 4:4. Where do you stand with the evidence and what are you telling others about this Jesus?
4. How is the resurrection of Christ going to impact your attitude, your actions this week?

Digging Deeper- Meditate and pray through Philippians 3:10-14.

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