

MATTHEW

October 8, 2023

Matthew 28:1-15

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Mark 16:1-8

Luke 24:1-12

John 20:1-10

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What strikes you as significant about the women going to Joseph's garden early on the first day of the week (v. 1)?

2. What significance seems to be associated with Jesus & earthquakes (v. 2; c.f., 27:51,54)?

3. The angel(s) arrive for what purpose (v. 2)?

Why do they roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb?

4. What is the reaction of the Roman auxiliaries to the angels and their actions (v. 4)?

5. Which elements of the angel's message resonate most with you (vv. 5-7)? Why?

6. How is it that the women go “with fear and great joy” (v. 8)? (Why are they still in the grip of fear?)

How does Jesus deal with their remaining fear (v. 9)?

7. Why did the guard first report to the chief priests (v. 11)?

8. What is the “official” explanation for the fact of the empty tomb (vv. 12-15)?

How does the official explanation quickly fall apart?

- Acts 2:22-36, 41
- Acts 6:7

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will come & see (the resurrection) this week by . . .

I will go & tell (about the resurrection) this week by . . .