

The Risen Lord
Matthew 27:62-28:20

I. Sealing the Tomb – 27:62-66

1. Concern about the tomb – 62-64
Day after Joseph buried Jesus' body
Leaders went to Pilate about security
Remembered what Jesus said about resurrection
Must guard against a fake resurrection
2. Security is tightened at tomb – 65-66
The stone is sealed by authorities
Soldiers are set to guard the tomb

II. Evidence of Resurrection – 28:1-7

1. Women come to the tomb – 1
Bring spices to anoint the body – Mk. 16:1
Not expecting the resurrection
2. What they experienced – 2-4
There was an earthquake - 2
Angel descended, rolled back the stone – 2-3
Countenance like lightning, clothes white as snow
Angel's presence terrorized the guards – 4
3. What they heard from the angel – 5-7
Jesus is risen – examine the tomb – 5-6
Go tell His disciples – meet Him in Galilee - 7

III. Seeing the Risen Lord – 8-10

1. Joyfully went to tell the disciples – 8
Obviously believed what they saw & heard
2. Jesus met them on the way – 9
He greeted them
They fell at His feet & worshipped Him
3. Jesus' message for them – 10
Do not be afraid
Tell my brethren, go to Galilee to meet Me

IV. Rejecting the Evidence – 11-15

1. Guards report to Chief Priests – 11
Told them all that had happened
2. The Council had a meeting – 12
They must deal with the evidence
Remember Jesus gave this as last sign
Sign of Jonah – 3 days in the fish
Decide to pay off guards to tell another story
3. An alternative explanation – 13-15
Disciples stole body while we slept
We will persuade Pilate & secure you
Guards took money & this is Jewish belief

V. Risen Lord's Commission – 16-20

1. Disciples meet Jesus – 16-17
In Galilee as planned – 16

- Worshipped Him – some doubted – 17
2. Jesus assures them of His power – 18
All power in heaven & earth is His
All power to accomplish His commission
3. The Lord's commission – 19-20
As you go make disciples in all nations – 19
Baptize them in name of Father, Son & Spirit
Train them to keep my commandments – 20
Go with promise of His presence with you