

The Gospel of Matthew

"He is Not Here, for He is Risen"

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Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.

And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.

And his appearance was like lightning, and his garments as white as snow; and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified."

~~"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.~~

~~And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going before you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."~~

~~And they departed from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to report it to the disciples.~~

~~And behold, Jesus them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.~~

~~Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they shall see Me."~~

~~Now while they were on their way, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.~~

~~And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, and said, "You are to say, 'his disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.'~~

~~And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble."~~

~~And they took the money and did as they been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews to this day.~~

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Evidences

1. The Empty Tomb

- the witness of the women
- the witness of the guards
- the witness of the Jewish leaders




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2. The Appearances of Jesus

- they were not apparitions, dreams or hallucinations; they were tangible encounters with the person of Jesus in His physical body
- they were overwhelmingly convincing to what were otherwise skeptical disciples




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3. The Absurdity of the Alternative

➤ “conspiracy theory”

- it is morally implausible – claims that the disciples were the inventors and propagators of a deliberate falsehood




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3. The Absurdity of the Alternative

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- it is psychologically implausible – the disciples were in no condition to invent and carry out such an elaborate hoax




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3. The Absurdity of the Alternative

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- it cannot explain the disciples sincerity, fervency, and boldness, even unto persecution and death



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Implication

- ❖ Jesus is vindicated as Lord, who possess all authority in heaven and earth
 - the resurrection is God's vindication of His Son by the reversal of man's rejection
 - the resurrection is God's declaration that Jesus is the exalted Lord

Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent,

because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, *having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.*”

– Acts 17:30-31