

Matthew 28: 1-8

NEVER FORGET: God is orchestrating everything

"For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done."

Acts 4:27-28 (NKJV)

Jesus' last week, *passion week*, is filled with appointed times culminating in the Resurrection

Jesus had an appointed time with the Cross

Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death, and burial - all brutal, all horrific, all necessary!

The price of sin:

The death of God Himself, God's Son, Jesus Christ FOR YOU!!

It all looked so bleak!

Jesus is dead, His lifeless body hanging limp on the cross

Jesus was then placed in a rich man's tomb - He was dead!

Jesus' body is in the tomb, His body at rest, but His Spirit is active - 1 Peter 3: 18-20

I believe it is here that Jesus pronounced His victory over Satan and the demonic realm!

Verse 1

The first witnesses of the Resurrection - Women

These women were not coming to see an empty tomb, but to anoint the body of Jesus

Verse 2 - 4

These women experience an earthquake, an angel, and guards like dead men

The angel's arrival is literally earth shaking!

The angel gives the world a message:

"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said."



What happened to the guards?

They passed out, fainted, were fear struck!!

Verse 5 - 6 Come and see

The angel gives us the Great News!

We are to give the Great News!!

"HE IS RISEN!"

"Come and See"

"THE TOMB IS EMPTY!!"

Might we say loud and clear with the angel, "HE IS RISEN"



Verse 7 Go and Tell

Go and tell the world about Jesus; a message of life, hope, and love!

Go and tell them the Gospel Message 1 Corinthians 15: 3-8

Do not deal with their flesh sins, drugs, alcohol, sexual immorality, stealing, etc.

Deal with the sin of rejecting Messiah

The Holy Spirit deals with the world in one specific sin – <u>John 16: 7-11</u>

John 16:7-11 (NKJV)

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Once saved, God will deal with the other stuff

Dealing with the other stuff gives evidence that your salvation is *genuine*Philippians 1: 11

Be careful, examine yourselves for fruit, not others - 2 Corinthians 13: 5



TEST YOURSELVES.

Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?

UNLESS INDEED YOU ARE DISQUALIFIED

2 Corinthians 13:5



"Examine" is in

the present tense = ongoing examining the imperative mood = a command

Verse 8 So they went

"So they went out" and told the disciples "HE IS RISEN!"

The disciples were so stunned, and yet skeptical, that when they met the Resurrected Jesus in Galilee, some doubted

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted." - Matthew 28: 16-17

It is here that they, and we, receive our commission Matthew 28: 18-20

CLOSING:

On the cross, Jesus died and gave His life for <u>my</u> life (put your name there)

At the Cross, <u>atonement</u> was made (an acceptable sacrifice pacifying the wrath of God)

At the Resurrection, Christ arose victorious over sin and death, "crushing the serpents head"

Jesus' Resurrection assures the believer's resurrection to eternal life!

Something to ponder this Resurrection Sunday:

Christ gave us all a commission to "Go and make disciples"

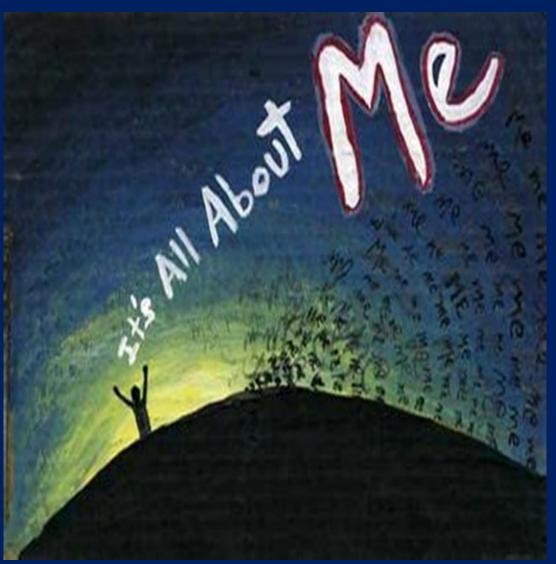
As we grow closer to the end, this will become more problematic

The pressure to compromise is rising, and I believe will become vicious

Many in the western church will cave to the pressure

Suffering and sacrifice is for someone else, *not* for me!





What is it all about?

Glorifying God

How do I glorify God?

Obeying and serving Him

The antichrist system is gaining more and more traction, and Mr. and Mrs. Pillsbury blend

Not so with the persecuted Church, they lay it all on the line!

There is a "True Church" in America who will not be silenced

This Resurrection Sunday

Determine in your hearts, as a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ

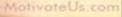
- I will stand like a bull in a blizzard!

 and
- I will stand with Holy Spirit guts!



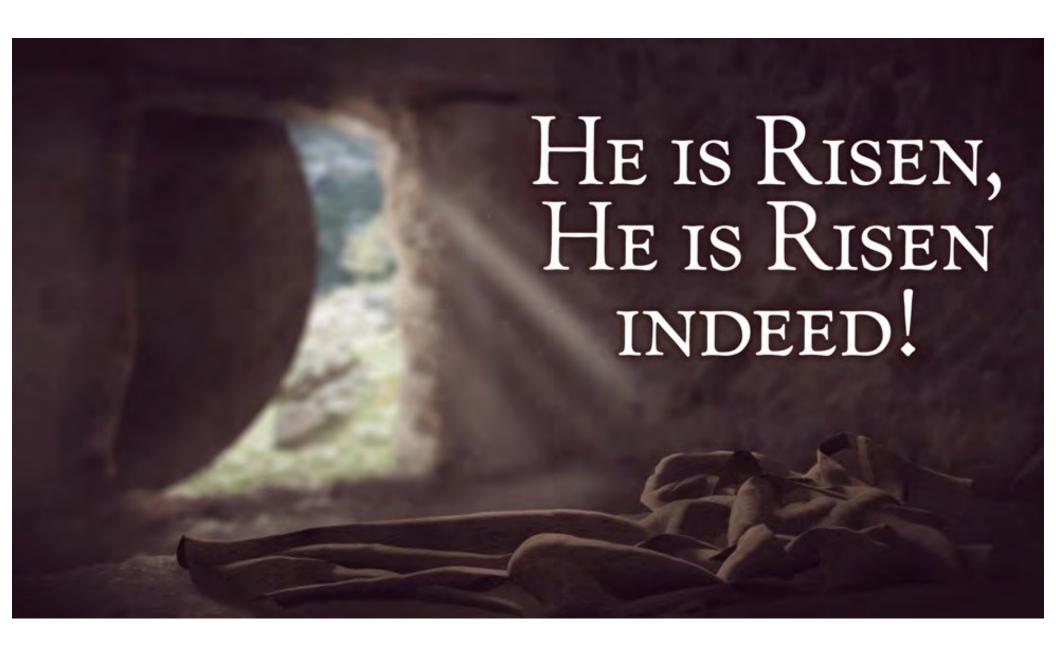
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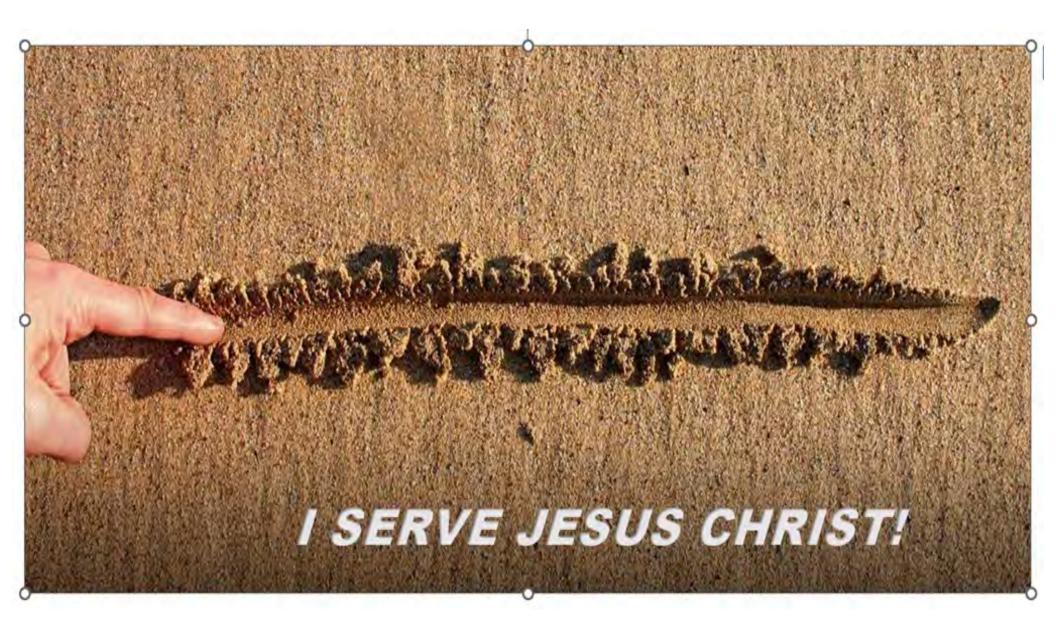
GUTS are a combination of confidence, courage, conviction, strength of character, stick-to-itiveness, pugnaciousness, backbone, and intestinal fortitude.



This Resurrection Sunday, let our world know who you really are!







HAPPY RESURRECTION SUNDAY!! THE GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY!!!