

The Victory is Won

Matthew 18: 1-15

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Matthew 28: 1-7

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. ⁶ “He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. ⁷ “Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”

Matthew 28: 8-15

⁸ And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.” ¹¹ Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³ and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’” ¹⁴ “And if this should come to the governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, *and is to this day.*

A Basic Truth That Undergirds Other Truths

- The evidence is that the Word of God is totally true and reliable.
- The resurrection means that Jesus is the Son of God.
 - This is exactly what He claimed to be.
 - It proved that He has power over life and death.
- The resurrection proves that salvation is complete.
 - On the cross Christ conquered sin, death, and hell.

A Basic Truth That Undergirds Other Truths

- The resurrection proves that the church has been established.
- The resurrection proves that judgment is coming.
 - Jesus declared that the Father has given all judgment to the Son.
- The resurrection proves that heaven is waiting.

Other Theories Verses Resurrection

- The Swoon Theory.
- The no burial theory.
- The hallucination theory.
- The telepathy theory.
- The séance theory.
- The mistaken identity theory.
- The body snatcher theory.

Conclusion

- Jesus died, was buried, and rose again just like He predicted.
 - The Bible is absolutely true.
 - Resurrection must be accepted to become a Christian (Romans 10: 9-10).
- We too will die, be buried, and rise again just like the Bible says.
 - Christians (the church) at rapture (1 Thess. 4: 13-18)
 - All others at the Great White Throne (Rev. 20: 11-15)