

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

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

So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by His feet and worshiped Him.

Matthew 28:1-9 NKJV

Hello family,

Have you ever thought about what that scene was like?

When the ladies arrived at the grave they see the guards that are assigned there for the purpose of making sure that no funny business takes place.

There is something odd about these guards though; they are frozen in their tracks and shaking with fear.

The ladies attention is immediately shifted to the large stone that had been rolled away from the opening of the grave.

The seal that the Romans had put in place on the grave and the stone for security purposes had obviously been disregarded. If those things weren't amazing enough, there is an angel of the Lord sitting on that massive stone.

The earthquake, the angel's presence and the fact that he moved the stone was very overwhelming to the guards.

Before the ladies can fully gather their thoughts the angel gives them some awesome news; that the Lord Jesus is risen!

There is so much to process at this point:

The guards frozen with fear, the massive stone removed from the grave, an angel of the Lord sitting on the stone, telling them that Jesus is risen, then he shows them that Jesus' body is not in the grave.

The angel tells them that Jesus is going before them to Galilee, and that they need to go tell His disciples. Awesome!

So many things to process as they are running to tell the Lord's disciples what they just saw and heard. Then Jesus Himself met them, saying, "Rejoice!"

As they held Him by the feet and worshiped Him they must have been thinking What a glorious moment, what a glorious day, what a glorious Saviour and Lord!

Here's a reminder for us today:

The Lord Jesus Christ is alive and well and He is offering His free gift of eternal life with Him to all who will believe and receive Him as their personal Savior and Lord. What a glorious Savior and Lord!

Happy Resurrection Day!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Dave Wolff