

SERMON NOTES: April 5, 2026

RISEN: Just As He Said

Matthew 28:1-10

I. Missing the Moment - 28:1

II. Shattering the Certainty - 28:2-4

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 clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. 28:2-4

III. Revealing the Resurrection - 28:5-6

IV. Commissioning the Conflicted - 28:7-8

V. Greeting the Gospeled - 28:9-10

And behold, Jesus met 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 will see Me.” 28:9-10

Life Group Study Questions

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1. Have you ever been in a place beyond all hope and then received a word of rescue? What was that like?
2. The women heading to the tomb were not aware of Christ's promise about the third day. How do we often become fixated on our own hardships and sorrows more than the promises of God?
3. The women, the guards, and the disciples—everyone—were convinced of Christ's death and believed it marked the conclusion of the story. They were wrong. If Jesus Christ is alive and all the other obstacles that said otherwise were overcome, what else might you be wrong about today?
4. The picture of the Roman guards frozen on the ground is powerful. This reflects the reality of all who oppose God's power and holiness. What opposition do you need to look at differently in your own life?
5. The angel reveals God's heart for us. He knows our fears and concerns. He knows the truth that conquers them all. Jesus is Alive. How is the resurrection the answer to our fears?
6. The proof of the Resurrection has stood up to all comers. God simply says, "Come and see." Do you have doubts today about the Resurrection of Christ? Are you doing anything about them? What steps can you take to investigate the Resurrection?
7. Those who have believed the Resurrection are immediately given an incredible calling to "go and tell." What are some of the benefits of this calling in our lives?
8. Even those who believe in the Resurrection and are active in obedient service have moments of unbelief and doubt. What is the answer to these moments? How does personal experience of the risen Christ transform us from conflicted to confident?
9. Take some time this week to praise God for your Risen Savior and for the certainty that "He is Risen! Just as He said!"