



## “Look at This!”

Sunday, December 24, 2023 | Text: Matthew 28:1-15

Parallel Passages: Mark 16:1-13; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-29

### 1. A Redeemed Reality

[1] Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. [2] And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. [3] His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. [4] And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. [5] But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. [6] He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. [7] Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” [8] So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. [9] And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” 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 tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

### 2. A Toothless Tale.

[11] While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. [12] And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers [13] and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ [14] And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” [15] So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

**Discussion Questions:** What is the significance of the word “behold?” How is the Resurrection of Christ the first day of a New Creation? What is the significance of the women being the first witnesses to the Resurrection? Why was the angel at the tomb? How is verse 6 perhaps the greatest words ever spoken? How can a person have “fear” and “joy” at the same time? How and why did the women worship Jesus when they saw Him alive? Why did Jesus want the women to go tell His brothers? How did God turn the deceitful story of verses 11-15 on its head? What are some amazing things that believers attain on account of Christ’s resurrection. Am I guilty of ‘polishing doctrines’ instead of applying them? What are the implications of Christ’s resurrection for our lives today?

### Next Sunday’s Sermon: Matthew 28:1-15

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