

# "The Death of Fear in the Resurrection of Christ"

Text: Matthew 28:1-10  
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

## 1. Facing Fear at the Tomb (vs. 1-4)

[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.

## 2. Angelic Assurance for the Faithful (vs. 5-8)

[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.

## 3. Christ's Command of Courage for the Worshippers (vs. 9-10).

[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."

## Application:

\*Scripture References: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 14, 17, 19; Psalm 27

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:** How is the Resurrection of Christ the pinnacle of the Good News? Why is there so much fear of the supernatural? How is fear of the supernatural appropriate? What are your greatest fears? How should the truth and power of the resurrection of Christ affect your fears? In what areas of your life do you need to experience the death of fear through the resurrection of Christ? How can you practically live out the reality of the resurrection in your daily life and witness to others?

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