

Bible Study
Matthew 28:1-20

Opening Question:

1. When have you been truly amazed by something?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word discipleship?

Read Matthew 28:1-20

Discussion Questions

1. Why did the women go early to the tomb? What did they expect to see?
2. Who were the first witnesses to Jesus' resurrection?
 - (a) Why is this significant?
3. Why would the guards have been gripped with fear?
 - (a) Why do you think that only some of the guard went to tell the Chief Priests?
 - (b) Why did the chief priests and the elders pay the guards to lie?
 - (c) Why do you think these details are significant to Matthew?
4. Why do you think God sent an Angel to roll the stone away?
5. What very clear messages did the angel give the women?
 - (a) What if anything, does this say to us today?
6. What emotions are seen in those who first heard that Jesus was alive?
 - (a) What emotions do we see in people today when they hear that Jesus is alive?
7. After Jesus arose from the dead, He gave the "Great Commission" to His disciples multiple times and in various ways. Compare and contrast the different ways that the Great Commission was communicated in the four Gospel accounts and in the book of Acts
 - (a) How are they the same?
 - (b) How are they different?
 - (c) What emphases do you see in each of the passages that are the basic truths of the Gospel message?

8. What authority has been given to Jesus?
9. Why do you think Matthew tells us that when Jesus' eleven disciples saw him that some worshiped him and some doubted?
10. Who was Jesus speaking to in V18-20?
 - (a) How does this apply to you?
11. What is the essence of this command?
 - (a) Where was this task to be carried out
 - (b) Is it negotiable?
 - (c) Is it finished?
12. How important is the reminder at the end of V20?

Thought Points

- The resurrection is the centre piece of our faith. "Christianity rises and falls on the validity of Christ rising that first easter morning" (Lee Strobel)
- The four Gospel writers all complete their narrations of the gospel of Jesus with the of Jesus' resurrection. They come at it from different directions and provide different details, but one element is common to each of them: a sense of wonder, astonishment, surprise.
- Everyone will have some kind of response to the Resurrection of Jesus. Some may reject it because it doesn't fit human reasoning, some of will refuse to believe it, some will have doubts and questions about the resurrection, some couldn't care less and are not interested, some may not even know about the resurrection, some may be hostile to the resurrection story and try to discredit it, and some will believe and apply the reality of the resurrection to their way of life.
- A commission is an instruction, command, or duty given to a person or group of people.

Extra Reading

Mark 16:1-20, Luke 24:1-11, 44-48, John 20:1-23, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Romans 1:1-6, Romans 4:23-25, Romans 6:1-11, judges 13:19-20

Personal Reflection:

- How are you learning to obey everything Jesus commands? How are you sharing his teaching with others?
- What helps you to grow as a follower of Jesus?