

Matthew 28:1-15 (ESV)

The Resurrection

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⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] 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.”

The Report of the Guard

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.

A wooden cross is shown with white cloths draped over its arms and base. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The text "He is Risen!" is written in a white, serif font in the upper right corner of the image.

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- How would you explain the resurrection?
- Would you be ready to give them an answer?

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3. Proclaim the testimony of the Risen Jesus (vs. 7-8)

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3. Think of a person and begin praying for him/her that God will give you an opportunity to share your testimony.

An empty tomb with a glowing light source. The tomb is a dark, rectangular opening in a stone wall. A white cloth is draped over the top edge of the tomb. To the right of the tomb, a bright, glowing light source, possibly a candle or a fire, illuminates the scene, casting a warm, golden glow. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a cave or a tomb.

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Indeed!