

Easter 2019 April 21

## **Good Tidings from the Grave Yard...** Matthew 28:1-10

Here are some differences between Jesus and other great men.

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| <b>Confucius</b>         | born in 551 B.C. | Died in 479 B.C. |
| <b>Buddha</b>            | born in 563 B.C. | Died in 483 B.C. |
| <b>Muhammad</b>          | born in 571 A.D. | Died in 632 A.D. |
| <b>Jesus of Nazareth</b> | born in 2 B.C.   | Died 30 A.D.     |

### **Risen 30 A.D.**

## **Easter is Good Tidings from the Graveyard and Good Tidings, in spite of several things.**

1. Good Tidings from the graveyard, in spite of \_\_\_\_\_ prospects.

*"After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb."*

Verse 1

2. It was Good Tidings from the graveyard, in spite of \_\_\_\_\_ problems.

*"There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it."*

Verse 2

**The problem** - the stone

## **Three things the women were encouraged to do when they saw the resurrection.**

They were encouraged to \_\_\_\_\_ — to see what had happened.

Meaning enter and take a good look

*"He is not here." "For He is risen, just as He said." "Come and see the place where He lay."*

Verse 6

They were encouraged to share that He is risen just as He said He would.

*"Go and tell the disciples."*

Verse 7

They were encouraged to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"They left rejoicing."*

Verse 8

3. Good Tidings from the graveyard in spite of \_\_\_\_\_.

*"While the women were on their way to tell the disciples of this Good Tiding (News).*

*The guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that happened. The chief priests met with the elders to devise a plan. The plan—pay off the guards with hush money and give them a false story. Fake Tidings (News) They were told to say, "His disciples stole the body of Jesus while they were sleeping." If this report gets back to the governor—we will make sure he is satisfied too—keeping you out of trouble. The soldiers took the hush money and did as they were instructed."* Verses 11-15

4. It was Good Tidings from the graveyard because of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **We are in need of two things:**

We are in need of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Home means where there's warmth, security, positive reinforcement, and lots of good love.

We are in need of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Horizon means something beyond their finger tips, something greater than themselves.

Greatness stirs, excites, builds, and challenges us until we reach beyond ourselves. A horizon is something to live and die for.

### **What is Easter all about?**

A **power** that not only can raise Jesus from the dead. It is a **power** that can change our home, our direction, to take a void in our life and began to put fullness into our lives.

**He is Risen! He lives! Hallelujah!**