

**COME AND SEE**

Part three of the series: *Faith To Rise*

*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. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." Matthew 28:1-10 ESV*

This angel's message provided three things (vs.5-7):

**Encouragement against their fears.**

*Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.*  
Proverbs 12:25 NLT

*...but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.* 1 Samuel 30:6b

**Assurance of the resurrection of Christ.**

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.* 2 Corinthians 5:16 ESV

**Direction to carry good news to the disciples.**

*Finally, they said to each other, "This is not right. This is a day of good news, and we aren't sharing it with anyone! If we wait until morning, some calamity will certainly fall upon us. Come on, let's go back and tell the people at the palace." 2 Kings 7:9 NLT*

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Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your Grace Group. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

**WARM-UP:** What news in your life have you been most excited to tell others about (i.e., promotion, engagement, award, etc.)?  
// What are you most afraid of?

**REVIEW:** This past weekend we looked at the women who went to the tomb during the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The angel who announced the good news of the resurrection gave the women three messages: 1) do not be afraid; 2) come and see; and 3) go quickly and tell. They saw a miracle and were called to spread the joy of the resurrection. In the same way, we are called to spread the great news about Jesus to those around us. His resurrection is the key to the Christian faith and rising above life's challenges. Read the message notes and any personal notes you may have taken and be ready to apply the message to your own personal life.

**APPLY:** What stood out to you from this past Sunday's message/the Scriptures we just read? // How can God provide encouragement to you today? // How can God bring assurance to you today? // We're called to be on mission and spread the good news of Jesus to those around us. Who has God called you to share Jesus with?

**PRAY:** Pray for those on your "VIP 5x5". Pray for those in your group to be mighty followers of Christ (disciples). Let's also believe God in prayer for one another's needs in the group.

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*  
2Timothy 3:16-17

**Bible Reading**

- April 18:** 2 Samuel 3-5, Luke 14:25-35
- April 19:** 2 Samuel 6-8, Luke 15:1-10
- April 20:** 2 Samuel 9-11, Luke 15:11-32
- April 21:** 2 Samuel 12-13, Luke 16
- April 22:** 2 Samuel 14-15, Luke 17:1-19
- April 23:** 2 Samuel 16-18, Luke 17:20-37
- April 24:** 2 Samuel 19-20, Luke 18:1-23
- April 25:** 2 Samuel 21-22, Luke 18:24-43



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