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**Life over Death**  
**Matthew 28**  
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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

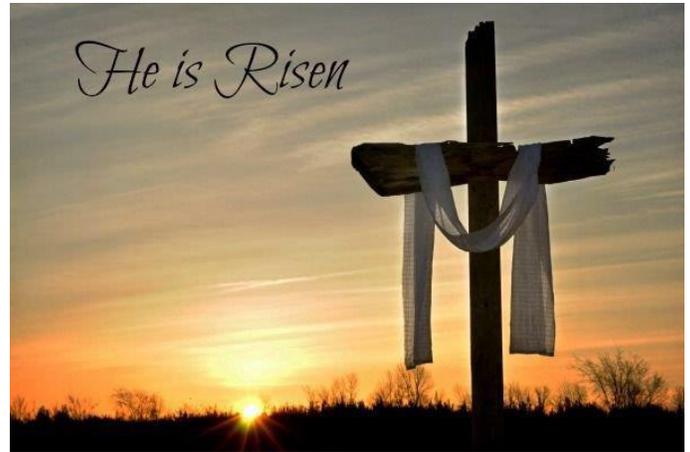
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Jesus has risen, yes He has risen indeed. This Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In doing this we will take a look at the last chapter of Matthew, chapter 28. Here we see two women go to the gravesite of Jesus. According to other accounts they were most likely going to anoint the body with spices. Upon arriving they were surprised and frightened as they found the stone rolled away and an angel proclaiming that Jesus has risen. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of the Christian faith. Without the resurrection Jesus is just another teacher. But the resurrection shows us that Jesus is more than a man, He is God, and He has power over life and death. At the cross Jesus paid for the sins of the world. His perfect and righteous life was the ultimate sacrifice in death that made it possible for us to be forgiven. Now, at the resurrection, after the atonement for sin, we see that He has the authority to grant us life. Do you believe? Do you trust in Jesus who offers life over death?

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He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

Matthew 28:5-6

## Matthew 28 (NASB)

### Jesus Is Risen!

**28** Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup> And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. <sup>7</sup> Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me."

<sup>11</sup> Now while they were on their way,

some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' <sup>14</sup> And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup> And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, *and is to this day.*

### The Great Commission

<sup>16</sup> But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. <sup>17</sup> When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?



**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

14. How does the resurrection of Jesus impact our faith today?

15. Can we be confident today that Jesus rose from the dead? How?

16. Look at what the women were told to do when they found out that Jesus was alive. What should we do with the knowledge that Jesus rose from the dead? What did Jesus instruct us to do? What are some opportunities you can pursue in your own life?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*