

Tuesday Morning Bible Fellowship
“No Memorial Needed” –*Matthew 28:1-15* April 11, 2017
***Please register your ATTENDANCE.
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Prayer Requests & Opening Prayer

For discussion: Share with your table friends any special Easter traditions you/your family have had over the years.

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

²There 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

1. Which do you believe more: What you see, what you read, what you hear, or what you want?
2. How do you think the two Mary’s felt on their way to the tomb? What problems might they expect to run into? (See **Matthew 27:60, 65-66.**)
 - ⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”
3. Do you think it strange that the angel told the women, “Do not be afraid,” but not the guards, who were so scared they looked like they were dead? Why do think that is?
 - ⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet

and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

4. How did the women feel as they left the tomb? Have you ever felt this way? What was it like? How did they feel as they met Jesus? Have you ever felt this way? What was it like?
5. *Without peeking*, what do you think is the most often-stated command in the Gospels?
 - Matthew 1:20, Matthew 10:26, Matthew 10:28, Matthew 28:5, Matthew 28:10, Luke 1:13, Luke 1:30, Luke 2:10, Luke 12:4, Luke 12:32, John 12:15, John 14:27
6. How did the reality of Christ’s resurrection “dawn” on you? Or has it? If not, why not? If you have accepted the resurrection of Christ as truth, were you more of a quick believer or a slow doubter?
 - ¹¹While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹²When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ ¹⁴If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.
7. How would you argue with the ideas that:
 - a. The disciples stole Jesus’ body?
 - b. That Jesus was only unconscious on the cross, and revived in the cool tomb?
 - c. That the resurrection was just a tale that caught on?

Closing Prayer