

“The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ” – Matthew 27:57-28:10

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There are a number of people who are highlighted in Matthew’s account of the resurrection of our Lord. Among them are: Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of Zebedee’s sons, James and John, Pilate, a Roman guard, an angel, and of course, Jesus Himself. Where were the rest of the apostles? Only two women sat opposite the tomb to observe his burial. The account is fascinating as so many of the gaps can be filled in to help us understand what was actually going on.

- I. _____ of Arimathea – vs. 57-61
 - a. A _____ man – vs. 57-60
 - b. The _____ Marys – v. 61

- II. The Acknowledgement of Jesus’ _____ - vs. 62-66
 - a. The _____ with Pilate – vs. 62-65
 - b. The _____ of the stone – vs. 65-66

- III. No _____ Effort Can Thwart the Plan of God – vs. 1-8
 - a. An earthquake and a _____ - vs. 1-4
 - b. From mourning to _____ - vs. 5-8

- IV. The _____ Jesus – vs. 9-10
 - a. Holding on _____ - v. 9b
 - b. No _____! – v. 10

“If we need more evidence of the resurrection of our Lord, John Stott suggests, ‘Perhaps the transformation of the disciples of Jesus is the greatest evidence of all for the resurrection. It was the resurrection which transformed Peter’s fear into courage and James’ doubt into faith. It was the resurrection which changed the Sabbath into Sunday and the Jewish remnant into the Christian church. It was the resurrection which changed Saul the Pharisee into Paul the apostle and turned his persecuting into preaching the gospel.’” Josh McDowell once said that the greatest evidence which caused him to trust in Christ was that all of the apostles were willing to die for their faith because they saw, touched, and spoke to the resurrected Christ. Christ’s resurrected life is what guarantees our place in Heaven if we will but believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved!