

Text: Matthew 28:1-20

Monroe Bible Church

Topics: Evidence, Faith, Jesus, Resurrection, Witnessing

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Just Say It!

I. A Confirmation is Given (1-7)

Supernatural occurrences gave witnesses evidence of the resurrection of Jesus.

II. A Lie is Concocted (11-15)

Those who rejected Jesus made up a story to refute His resurrection.

III. A Commission is Given (16-20)

In His resurrected body Jesus charged His followers to make disciples.

I can declare the resurrection with confidence, though some will reject, some will believe and follow.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Give an example of a relationship you have with someone who has very different beliefs than you do. What are your interactions like?

2. What supernatural occurrences can you see in Matthew 28:1-7 that testify to the resurrection of Jesus?

What purpose would it serve for Jesus not to be waiting by the tomb for people to come and see Him in His resurrected body?

What evidence to the resurrection of Jesus is most important to you?

3. What story was made up in Matthew 28:11-15 to try to refute the resurrection of Jesus?

How would you answer a critic who insists that it was Matthew who made up the story?

Have you heard of other theories to discredit the resurrection of Jesus? Has someone tried to deny it to you personally? How? How did you answer?

4. Ponder the "Great Commission" in Matthew 28:18-20. What is the most challenging part to you? What is the most encouraging part?

What does it mean to be a disciple?

Why is baptism important?

What is to be taught and why? Be specific.

5. Make an action statement of what you will do in response to the gospel of Matthew, or to chapter 28.