

April 12, 2020
Matthew 28:1-10

OVERCOMING FEAR WITH FAITH

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

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

⁵ The angel said to the women, “**Do not be afraid**, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ **He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.** Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then 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.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, **afraid** yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “**Do not be afraid.** Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”
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I. Introduction:

We Are Living In A Day of Fear

Fear of Coronavirus
Fear of Death
Fear of Finances
Fear of the unknown
Fear of ?????

II. Unpacking The Passage:

A. At The Cross, there were those who were afraid:

1. The guards were afraid (vs. 4)
2. The women were afraid (vs. 5, 8, 10)
3. The disciples were afraid. (nowhere to be found)

III. Overcoming Fear With Faith:

A. The Promise of Jesus:

“He is risen **just as He said**” (6)

“Do not be afraid” appears 365 times in the Bible

B. “Have Faith In God” (Mark 11:22)

a. “He Is Not Here, He has risen” (Vs. 6)

b. Because He Lives:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.”

VI. Conclusion and Application:

Thought for the week: Stay strong, Stay Safe, Keep your eyes focused on Jesus, be strengthened by the Promises of God’s Word and Prayer, and Keep The Faith in the one who is faithful!