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## **The Gospel Of Matthew Chapter 28 AMPC**

In this chapter we read the account of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Resurrection. Christ rose on the third day after His death. This is a time He had often spoke of. On the of the first week God the Father commanded the light to shine out of darkness.

**(Gen.1:3).** On this day He Who is the light of the world, shine out of the darkness of the grave. This day is from henceforward often mention in the New Testament, as the day which Christians religiously observed and assemblies, to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Christ, as it is the Joy of His followers, so it is terror and confusion of His enemies.

### **Matthew Chapter 28 can be Divided in 3 Parts.**

**1- Jesus is Alive, He is Risen Vss. 1-10**

**2- The Report of the Guards Vss. 11-15**

**3 The Great Commission Vss. 16-20.**

### **Jesus is Alive, He is Risen Vss. 1-10**

28 Now after the Sabbath, near dawn of the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

**2-** And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled the boulder back and sat upon it.

**3-** His appearance was like lightning, and his garments as white as snow.

**4-** And those keeping guard were so frightened at the sight of him that they were agitated *and* they trembled and became like dead men.

**Vs. 4 Throughout Jesus 'extraordinary life, people found all sorts of reason to doubt Him, even in the face of unexplainable events. These guards, for instance, were virtual eyewitness of the greatest miracle of all time, Jesus' resurrection. Yet a few hours later they made a deal with the chief priests to cover up the story (Vss. 11-15). Then, as now, people who choose not to believe can always find an explanation of reasons or principles.**

**5-**But the angel said to the women, do not be alarmed *and* frightened, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified.

**6-**He is not here; He has risen, as He said [He would do]. Come, see the place where He lay.

**Vs. 6 After being crucified, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day just as He promised. On that morning, an angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door of tomb.**

**The resurrection confirmed that Jesus Christ was and is exactly Who He claimed to be—the Son of God. This spectacular miracle also demonstrated His power over sin and death, guaranteeing the hope of eternal life to all who repent of their sins and believe in Him.**

(Matt. 7:13-14 says) "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. **14-**For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

**Jesus Christ is the narrow door, and He will return to this world in judgement, and most people are heading for that judgement who are on the wide road. The only way to be saved from the eternal consequences of sin is to enter through the narrow gate, repenting (turning from sin) and calling on the Son of God Who gave His life for us.**

**Father God wants us, His children, to get and stay on the right road.** (Deuteronomy 30:19 says) I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

**We read in** (Galatians 3 :13) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.

Colossians 1:12-14) **tells us to thank God for this! We are to thank the Father for this great plan of redemption which He planned and sent the Lord Jesus Christ to consummate! 12-**Giving thanks to the Father Who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13-** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son His love. **14-**In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

**7-** Then go quickly and tell His disciples, He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.

**8-** So, they left the tomb hastily with fear and great joy and ran to tell the disciples.

**9-** And *as they went*, behold, Jesus met them and said, Hail (greetings)! And they went up to Him and clasped His feet and worshiped Him.

(Psalm 34:8 invites us to,) “taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

**10-**Then Jesus said to them, **do not be alarmed and afraid; go and tell My brethren to go into Galilee, and there they will see Me.**

### **Report of the guards Vss. 11-15**

**11-** While they were on their way, behold, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had occurred.

**12-** And when they [the chief priests] had gathered with the elders and had consulted together, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers,

**13-** And said, tell the people, His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we were sleeping.

**When Jesus enemies heard His tomb was empty, they immediately “devised a plan” and a lie.** That, His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we were asleep”. **But this didn’t make sense because if the guards were sleeping, they wouldn’t have known what had happened to the body! And if they were awake, they certainly would not have let anybody steal it.**

**Furthermore, who would have had a motive to steal Jesus body? Not the Jewish leaders; they wanted Him dead in the first place. And certainly not the Romans; they wanted Him to stay dead.**

**The enemies of Jesus accused the disciples of stealing His body, but Jesus had taught them not to steal. If they were to lie and say they didn’t steal the body, they would have been lying, and Jesus had also told them not to lie.**

**Overall, it is much better to accept the answer that the evidence supports: the tomb is empty because Jesus had risen period.**

(1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:17-20) If Christ had not been raised, your faith is futile, you are still in your sins. **18-** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. **19-** If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. **20-** But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

(1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:20-22 says) But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21-** For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **22-** For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

(Rom. 8:11) And if the Spirit of Him Who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He Who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit Who lives in you.

**14-**And if the governor hears of it, we will appease him and make you safe *and* free from trouble *and* care.

**15-**so they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this story has been current among the Jews to the present day.

**The soldiers agreed with the enemies of Jesus to tell the lie that the disciples had stolen the body of Christ, and they took the money.**

(1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:10-11 AMPC). For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute (mental) pangs. **11-** But as for you, o man of God, flee from all these things; aim at and pursue righteousness (right standing with God and true goodness), godliness (which is the loving fear of God and being Christlike), faith, love, steadfastness (patience), and gentleness of heart.

### **What Jesus Followers Must do; The Great Commission Vss. 16-20**

**16-** Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed *and* made appointment with them.

**17-**And when they saw Him, they fell and worshiped Him; but some doubted.

**The disciples and others actually encountered the resurrected Jesus because we read in** (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:16). We did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

(1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:3-7 says) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4-** and that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **5-** and He appeared to Cephas, and then to the twelve. **6-** After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **7-** Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

**But some doubted, so Jesus asked them in (Luke 24: 38-39)** “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself! Touch Me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.

**18-** Jesus approached and, <sup>[a]</sup>breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

**Jesus is God, He is also Lord, so we need to believe and obey Him. Jesus said in, (John 5:25-27)** Believe Me when I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the time is coming and is here now when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear it shall live. **26-** For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, **27-** and has given Him authority to execute judgement also, because He is the Son of Man.

**Jesus asked this question in (Luke 6:46)** Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord, and do not (practice) what I tell you?

The LORD said in, (Isaiah 48:17) “I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you what is best for you, Who directs “leads” you in the way you should go.

**19-** Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them <sup>[b]</sup>into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**20-**Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you <sup>[c]</sup>all the days (<sup>[d]</sup>perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close *and* consummation of the age. <sup>[e]</sup>Amen (*so let it be*).

**As children of God, we are to lead others to Him through our love walk and through His written word. They must believe that they can be saved today.** (John 5:24) He that heareth My Word, and **Believeth** on Him that sent Me, hath

everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

**They must not only believe in Him, but they must also Receive Him.** (John 1:12) “As many as Received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

**They must not only Believe and Receive on Him, but they must also Declare Him as Lord** (Romans 10:9-10) If you **Declare** with your mouth, “Jesus is lord” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10-**For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess “*confess*” your faith and are saved.

James 1:17 says, “Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us From God our Father.” Jesus, God’s Son, left His glory above so that we might experience life, hope, and joy. **This truth deserves to be shared.**

This gift of eternal life that Jesus offers is unattainable by our own efforts but was made available at the price of His death and resurrection.

Jesus said in (John 15:12-13), “**This is My commandments, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. 13-Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. “Jesus laid His life down for us”.**

**Reference: AMPC Bible; ZONDERVAN Lee Strobel Book; Ark Encounter.Com/gospel; Crossway.org/Good News tracts.**

