



Matthew 28:1-10

¹After 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. 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." 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."



Notes of Hope

Easter April 4, 2010
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A MATTER OF DEATH & LIFE

Many things are "a matter of life & death".

The resurrection enables us to pass from:

1. The "Death" of Condemnation to the life of God's affirmation.
John 3:16 & 17 Romans 8:1

The resurrection can make us teflon to condemnation.

2. The "Death" of Selfishness to the life of God's fruitfulness.
John 12:24 & 25
Selfishness results in getting ahead dead.

3. The "Death" of Loneliness to the life of God's constant presence.
Matthew 28:20

4. The "Death" of Fear to the life of faith. Matthew 28:5 & 9

5. The Fear of Death to embracing eternal life. Heb. 2:14 & 15

A Resurrection Prayer

God, I am tired of the deadness sin has produced in my life. I choose to accept Jesus' death as payment for my sin and I choose to believe this re-connects me to you and allows the power of the resurrection to flow into my life for today and for eternity. In Jesus Name, Amen.