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Resurrection Through Our Eyes

Matthew 28:1-10

Introduction: Have you ever wondered why the Gospel writers describe the Resurrection through the eyes of people who didn't see it?

The First "Witnesses" Were...

- _____ to Jesus. (Matthew 27:55-56, 61; 28:1)
- _____ for their faithfulness. How?
 - ⇒ ...with _____. (Matthew 28:2-7)
 - ⇒ ...with _____. (Matthew 28:8-10)

What is a Proper Response to Resurrection?

- _____ the reports. (Matthew 28:8)
- _____ Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- Do _____ He tells you to do. (Matthew 28:8, 11a)

Conclusion: The best response to seeing the Resurrection through Mary's eyes is to imitate Mary by going wherever Jesus sends you.

Week 6 Plan to "Make It Stick"

Day One:

-Read Matthew 28:11-15.

- ⇒ How do the chief priests and elders respond to the testimony of the Roman guards about Jesus's resurrection?
- ⇒ There have always been efforts to try to discount the testimony about Jesus's resurrection. What are some common objections to the claims about Jesus's resurrection in our day?

Day Two:

-Compare Matthew 28:1-10 with Mark 16:1-8.

- ⇒ What additional details does Mark include that Matthew doesn't?
- ⇒ How do you think you would have reacted emotionally to the discovery of Jesus's missing body?

Day Three:

-Compare Matthew 28:1-10 with Luke 24:1-12.

- ⇒ What additional details does Luke include that Matthew doesn't?
- ⇒ What do you make of the disciples' stubborn insistence to disbelieve the testimony of the women at the Tomb? How would YOU have responded if you were one of the 12?

Day Four:

-Compare Matthew 28:1-10 with John 20:1-10.

- ⇒ What additional details does John include that Matthew doesn't?
- ⇒ When John looked in the Tomb (vs. 8), he tells us that he "saw and believed." Is there a connection between "seeing" and "believing"? Can you truly believe something without seeing it?

Day Five:

-Read John 20:11-18.

- ⇒ Why doesn't Jesus reveal Himself more directly to Mary?
- ⇒ Why do you think Jesus chose to reveal Himself to Mary and not to Peter and John?