

Matthew 28:1-20

- A. The Women Disciples of Jesus Discover an Empty Tomb (28:1-4).
 - 1. After the Sabbath at Dawn (v.1).
 - 2. An earthquake, and angel and a rolling stone (vv.2-4); angel (c.f. Rev. 4:5; 16:17-18).
- B. The Angel Announces the Resurrection of Jesus (28:5-6).
 - 1. The angel announces Jesus' resurrection (v. 6).
- C. The Angel's Instructions to the Women Disciples (28:7).
 - 1. Women witnesses; crucifixion and resurrection.
 - 2. Galilee—central to Jesus' earthly ministry; now central to his ascended ministry.
- D. The Risen Jesus Appears to the Women Disciples (28:8-10).
 - 1. The risen Jesus appears to the women, who worship him (28:9); Grk. *proskyneo*; kneeling.
 - 2. The risen Jesus commissions the women as the first witnesses of the resurrection (28:10).
 - 3. They will see Jesus in Galilee (28:10); family of faith includes all who are Jesus' disciples, from every gender and every ethnicity.
- E. The Conspiracy to Deny the Truth of Jesus' Resurrection (28:11-15).
 - 1. Guards report to the chief priests (v. 11).
 - 2. The chief priests conspire with the elders (v. 12).
 - 3. The concocted story (28:13).
 - 4. The Jewish leaders' ruse (28:14-15).
- F. Jesus' Great Commission (28:16-20).
 - 1. Jesus' unique authority as the divine Son of God demands the worship of his followers (e.g. chs. 1-2; 3:17; 4:1-11; 14:33).
 - 2. Jesus' form of discipleship transcends ethnic, gender, and religious boundaries to form a new community of faith called the church (e.g. 12:46-50; 16:18-19; 18:17-18).
 - 3. Jesus' final move, from particularism in fulfilling the covenantal promises to Israel, to universal salvation offered to all the nations, is proclaimed in preaching of the gospel of the kingdom of God (e.g., 1:1; 10:5-6; 15:21-28).
 - 4. Jesus' call to inside-out righteousness is experienced through obedience to his teachings as the fulfillment of God's will for his people (e.g., 5:20-48; 15:1-20).
 - 5. Jesus' promises of his eternal presence with his disciples is fulfilled because he is Immanuel, "God with us" (e.g. 1:23).