

**He Has Risen!**  
**Text: Matthew 28:1-10**  
**April 19, 2025**

**Big Idea: Jesus is alive, do not fear, believe!**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

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**Point 1: His UNBREAKABLE PROMISE (vv. 1-7)**

*Question: Nothing stops God's Word from being fulfilled. Will you believe His promise?*

**Question #3**

An unbreakable promise...

DEMONSTRATED (vv. 1-4)

- a) **Rd vv. 1-4:** How does the women coming to anoint Jesus' body support the truth of Christ's promised resurrection?
  - b) What did the Jews and Romans do to ensure that the disciples couldn't steal the body?
  - c) What 2 signs did God do to overcome their efforts and uphold His promise to raise Jesus?
  - d) How should these acts of God fuel our faith of how He will keep His Word no matter the odds?
  - e) Spend time testifying to how God has demonstrated the fulfillment of His promises in your life.
- Conclude time with a time of prayer and thanksgiving as a group.

**Question #4**

An unbreakable promise...

DECLARED (vv. 5-7)

- a) **Rd vv. 5-7:** How does the angel declare that God's promise to raise Jesus had been fulfilled?
- b) What other promise of Jesus did the angel say would be fulfilled? (Hint: Matthew 26:32)
- c) **Rd Matthew 24:35:** How does the promise of the resurrection confirm that all of God's Word will prove true?
- d) As you look around today, what promises of God do you struggle with unbelief the most that He will uphold them for His glory? Why those ones?
- e) Spend time in prayer as a group for faith to believe God's Word will come to pass, and for God to fulfill those promises in His time and in His way.

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**Point 2: The UNDENIABLE PROOF (vv. 8-10)**

*Question: The truth about Jesus is undeniable. How will you respond to Him?*

**Question #6**

- a) **Rd v. 9:** What was the undeniable proof these women got that proved God's promise was fulfilled?
- b) How did the women respond upon seeing the proof God's promise was fulfilled?
- c) How does Jesus' response to the women confirm His identity as the Lord, and the only One worthy of your worship?
- d) How should the women's response be an example to us for how we are to respond to Jesus each day?
- e) What happens to our passion for the gospel & God's kingdom if we let the death and resurrection of Jesus simply become familiar to us?
- f) What means has Jesus given us to continually 'fan into flame' a passion for His Name?
- g) What is one step you can take this week with each of those means to grow in your worship of Jesus?

**Question #7**

- a) What are some of your favourite promises God has given in His Word?
- b) Why are those ones most precious to you?

**Question #8**

- a) What is the gospel?
- b) Now, write it out again in 1-2 sentences.

**Prayer Application**

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) ADORATION: Declare what He has done through His death & resurrection.(Use verses)
- b) CONFESSION: Confess areas of unbelief in His promises He's made towards you.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Thank Jesus for His faithfulness to uphold His Word in every season.
- d) SUPPLICATION: Pray for increasing faith in God's Word and a life of increasing worship to Jesus.

*Memory Verse:*

*"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."-2 Corinthians 5:21*