

What a Difference a Day Makes

Matthew 28

Matthew 28:8-10; 16-20 (HCSB)

So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell His disciples the news. Just then Jesus met them and said, "Good morning!" They came up, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. Then Jesus told them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see Me there."

The 11 disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped, but some doubted. Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Romans 6:4,5 (HCSB)

Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in a new way of life.

I. There is a New Presence with us.

Luke 24:36-39 (NIV)

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see;

Verse 20 – "I am with you always."

Isaiah 41:10 (HCSB)

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with My righteous right hand.

II. There is a New Priority before us.

Verses 10-11 - Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." While the women were on their way, Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

- Surrendered to His Authority
- Obedient to His Word

Verses 19-20 - "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."



III. There is a New Power within us.

Verse 18 - "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'"

- For Our Witness

Acts 1:8 (HCSB)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 4:33 (NIV)

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

- For Our Walk

Colossians 1:10-11 (NIV)

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

- For Our Worship

Verses 9 and 17 – "Just then Jesus met them and said, 'Good morning!' They came up, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. When they saw Him, they worshiped, but some doubted."