

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Matthew 28

What was the strangest gift you ever received?

1. Do you suppose that the resurrection occurring on the first day of the week, changed Sabbath worshipping habits to Sunday instead?
2. In the first century, women's testimony was considered unreliable. Why do you suppose all of the gospel narratives mention that women were the first to acknowledge the empty tomb.
3. Why do you suppose the angel rolled back the stone from the entrance to the tomb (v.2)?

Luke 24:5-7 reads, And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.

4. Do you suppose that mankind still has a propensity to seek the living among the dead?

John 20:11-6 reads, But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head And one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

5. How can it be that Mary Magdalene does NOT recognize Jesus?
6. Explain Matthew 28:17.