

Power Words
Resurrection – Mar. 25, 2018
FP Small Group Study Guide

Matthew 28:1-10 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Has Risen

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

1. Which do you believe more: What you hear? What you see? What you want?
2. Read Matthew 28:1-10.
3. Who is going to the tomb? When are they going? Why?
4. Describe the angel. What does he do? What does he say?
5. Contrast the women’s reaction to the angel with the guard’s reaction.
6. What do the women do when they encounter Jesus?
7. Compare and contrast the angel’s words to the women with Jesus’s words to the women. Why do you think they encounter both the angel and Jesus?
8. What is your response to the resurrected Jesus? Is it fear, obedience, worship?
9. What are some common fears of sharing the Good News of Jesus with others?
10. As you prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday, ask Jesus to help you not be afraid to worship, obey, and tell others of Him.