

## *Three Days That Changed the World* **Sunday**

### I. Introduction

- A. Matthew 28:1-9 (NLT) <sup>1</sup>Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. <sup>7</sup>And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel’s message. <sup>9</sup>And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him.
- B. Mark 16:8 (NLT) *The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.*
1. The lives of the disciples, on Sunday, did not get safer! Their lives just got more dangerous!
- C. John 20:17 (NLT) *“Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”*
1. They now have a new identity!
  2. It’s now possible, after Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, for you to know God the way Jesus knows God!
- D. Luke 24:10-11 (NLT) <sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. <sup>11</sup>But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn’t believe it.
1. Easter gives people a new identity! It gives people a new intimacy with God, and a new family with one another!
- E. Mark 8:34-36 (NAS) <sup>34</sup>“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?”
- F. Galatians 2:20a (NAS) *“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.”*
- G. II Corinthians 5:17 (NAS) *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*
- H. John 1:12 (NAS) *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.*

### II. Conclusion