

## **BECAUSE HE LIVES**

April 12, 2020 Matthew 28:1-10

In the midst of death & grief Jesus declared, **“I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this (John 11:25-26)?”** “Because He lives I can face tomorrow...”  
“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?...But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15:55,57).”

Turn to Matthew 28:1-10. What happened that resurrection morning?

### **1. How God moved the stone**

- We are experiencing an earthquake right now. Psalm 46:1-3
- What has God moved/changed because of the coronavirus?
- We are in a worldwide timeout! Psalm 46:10 “Be still and know...”
- There are angels all around and if you saw one you would be afraid.

### **2. Receive God’s message of hope**

- “Do not be afraid, for I know...” God knows Matthew 28:5
- “I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.” What are you looking for? “Seek and you will find (Matthew 7:7)”
- “He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” Matthew 28:6
- Our hope is not in Easter eggs or bunnies. Christ arose. The tomb is empty. Churches are empty but Jesus is alive. “Because He lives all fear is gone.”
- Our hope is centered in Christ alone!!! Jesus met the women. 28:9

### **3. Go and tell**

- “Then **go quickly and tell** his disciples...Now I have told you.” Matthew 28:7
- “So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and **ran to tell his disciples.**” Matthew 28:8
- Jesus said, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers...” 28:10