

## **HE LIVES!**

April 4, 2021 Matthew 28:1-10 & the Hymn "He Lives"

"Can you imagine what the disciples...of Jesus must have said as word spread that he was not in the tomb?...'He lives'...(Diana Matthews)."

### **1. The evidence of Scripture – Matthew 28:1-10**

- Two Mary's went to the tomb of Jesus to pay their last respects. 28:1
- What happened before they got there? 28:2 An earthquake caused by an angel had rolled back the stone. To let Jesus out? The story of the guards.
- **"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus...He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see..." Check it out.** 28:5-6
- **"Go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead...'"** 28:7
- "Suddenly Jesus met them..." 28:9

### **2. The testimony in the song "He Lives" by Pastor Alfred Ackley**

- Alfred Ackley wrote "He lives" in 1932 after hearing a liberal preacher say on the radio on Easter Sunday morning...
- "I serve a risen Savior...I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer and just the time I need Him he's always near." vs. 1
- "In all the world around me I see His loving care...I know that he is leading through all the story blast..." vs. 2 It was the time of the Great Depression.

### **3. What about your testimony & response to the resurrection of Jesus?**

- Does Jesus live in your heart? That's relationship.
- Does Jesus "walk with you and talk to you"? That's relationship.
- How do you see Jesus helping you when things are tough? How does He give you hope and encouragement? That's relationship.
- Are you looking forward to seeing Jesus face to face? "The day of His appearing will come at last."
- **"Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing..."**