

Matthew 28:1-15

International Bible Lesson Study Guide

New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Matthew 28:1) After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

(Matthew 28:2) 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.

(Matthew 28:3) His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

(Matthew 28:4) The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

(Matthew 28:5) The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

(Matthew 28:6) He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

(Matthew 28:7) 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."

(Matthew 28:8) So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

(Matthew 28:9) Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

(Matthew 28:10) Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

(Matthew 28:11) While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

(Matthew 28:12) When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money,

(Matthew 28:13) telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’”

(Matthew 28:14) If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”

(Matthew 28:15) So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?