



SERMON NOTES

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“The Tomb is Empty”

Matthew 27:57-28:15

1. The burial of Jesus reveals unusual measures and unusual knowledge.
(Matthew 27:57-66)
2. The resurrection of Jesus reveals the glory of the King.
(Matthew 28:1-10)

3. The attempt at hiding the resurrection reveals human determination to suppress the truth. (Matthew 28:11-15)

Table Talk

- 1) What is significant about Joseph of Arimathea asking for the body of Jesus? Where does he take the body? Why does Pastor Scott think the statement of a “new tomb” is important for locating the burial place of Jesus?
- 2) Who else is with Joseph as he buries Jesus? Why are those people there? What, if anything, do you suppose they say to one another? How long do you think these various people remain at the tomb? (27:59-61; 66; see also John 19:39-40)
- 3) Why do the chief priests and Pharisees want a guard posted? What does that reveal about what they know? (27:62-66)
- 4) What is the significance of the earth shaking at the death and resurrection of Jesus? (see Matt. 27:51, 28:2) How do the people at the tomb respond to the appearance of the angel?
- 5) What message does the angel give? (28:5-7) How should the message of the angel impact us right now?
- 6) What might it have been like for the women to meet Jesus? Why do they worship Him? Why does Jesus accept that worship? What message does Jesus give? (28:8-10)
- 7) How do the chief priests and elders respond to what has taken place? How is their reaction still a common response to the message of the resurrection of Jesus? (28:11-15)