



## **EASTER 2024**

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**Matthew 27:62-66 NLT 62** The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate. **63** They told him, “Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise from the dead.’ **64** So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we’ll be worse off than we were at first.” **65** Pilate replied, “Take guards and secure it the best you can.” **66** So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it.

**Matthew 28:1-10 NLT 1**Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. **2** Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. **3** His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. **4** The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. **5** Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6** He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. **7** 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.” **8** 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. **9** And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.”

**Ephesians 1:18-20 NLT 18** I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. **19** I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power **20** that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.

**Matthew 28:11-15 NLT 11** As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened. **12** A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided to give the soldiers a large bribe. **13** They told the soldiers, “You must say, ‘Jesus’ disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body.’ **14** If the governor hears about it, we’ll stand up for you so you won’t get in trouble.” **15** So the guards accepted the bribe and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today.