

Wellspring Covenant Church

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## **What keeps us from resurrection?**

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### **matthew 27:62 - matthew 28:15**

<sup>62</sup> The next day, which was the day after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate. <sup>63</sup> They said, “Sir, we remember that while that deceiver was still alive he said, ‘After three days I will arise.’ <sup>64</sup> Therefore, order the grave to be sealed until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people, ‘He’s been raised from the dead.’ This last deception will be worse than the first.”

<sup>65</sup> Pilate replied, “Take soldiers for guard duty. Go and make it as secure as you know how.” <sup>66</sup> Then they went and secured the tomb by sealing the stone and posting the guard.

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup> Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He isn’t here, because he’s been raised from the dead, just like he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, ‘He’s been raised from the dead. He’s going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.’ I’ve given the message to you.” <sup>8</sup> With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them. “Don’t be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there.”

<sup>11</sup> Now as the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. <sup>12</sup> They met with the elders and decided to give a large sum of money to the soldiers. <sup>13</sup> They told them, “Say that Jesus’ disciples came at night and stole his body while you were sleeping. <sup>14</sup> And if the governor hears about this, we will take care of it with him so you will have nothing to worry about.” <sup>15</sup> So the soldiers took the money and did as they were told. And this report has spread throughout all Judea to this very day.

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### **your notes & questions**

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### **reflection questions**

- How is God currently inviting me to witness resurrection and embrace it in my life?
- In what ways are we as the collective body of Christ tempted to let fear or fallen systems (or other roadblocks) direct our way of being in the world? What might it look like to move beyond the roadblocks of the Domination System?
- Who are the voices, like the women at the tomb, that are worth listening to as we seek to embody the risen Christ’s healing & empowering love and life?