

## MATTHEW 27:62 THRU MATTHEW 28:15

27THE NEXT DAY, THAT IS, AFTER THE DAY OF PREPARATION, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PHARISEES GATHERED BEFORE PILATE <sup>63</sup>AND SAID, 'SIR, WE REMEMBER WHAT THAT IMPOSTOR SAID WHILE HE WAS STILL ALIVE, "AFTER THREE DAYS I WILL RISE AGAIN." <sup>64</sup>THEREFORE COMMAND THAT THE TOMB BE MADE SECURE UNTIL THE THIRD DAY; OTHERWISE HIS DISCIPLES MAY GO AND STEAL HIM AWAY, AND TELL THE PEOPLE, "HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD", AND THE LAST DECEPTION WOULD BE WORSE THAN THE FIRST.' <sup>65</sup>PILATE SAID TO THEM, 'YOU HAVE A GUARD\* OF SOLDIERS; GO, MAKE IT AS SECURE AS YOU CAN.'\* <sup>66</sup>SO THEY WENT WITH THE GUARD AND MADE THE TOMB SECURE BY SEALING THE STONE.

28AFTER THE SABBATH, AS THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK WAS DAWNING, MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY WENT TO SEE THE TOMB. <sup>2</sup>AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE; FOR AN ANGEL OF THE LORD, DESCENDING FROM HEAVEN, CAME AND ROLLED BACK THE STONE AND SAT ON IT. <sup>3</sup>HIS APPEARANCE WAS LIKE LIGHTNING, AND HIS CLOTHING WHITE AS SNOW. <sup>4</sup>FOR FEAR OF HIM THE GUARDS SHOOK AND BECAME LIKE DEAD MEN. <sup>5</sup>BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THE WOMEN, 'DO NOT BE AFRAID; I KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. <sup>6</sup>HE IS NOT HERE; FOR HE HAS BEEN

RAISED, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE<sup>\*</sup>  
LAY. <sup>7</sup>THEN GO QUICKLY AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES, "HE  
HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD,<sup>\*</sup> AND INDEED HE IS  
GOING AHEAD OF YOU TO GALILEE; THERE YOU WILL SEE  
HIM." THIS IS MY MESSAGE FOR YOU.' <sup>8</sup>SO THEY LEFT  
THE TOMB QUICKLY WITH FEAR AND GREAT JOY, AND RAN  
TO TELL HIS DISCIPLES. <sup>9</sup>SUDDENLY JESUS MET THEM  
AND SAID, 'GREETINGS!' AND THEY CAME TO HIM, TOOK  
HOLD OF HIS FEET, AND WORSHIPPED HIM. <sup>10</sup>THEN JESUS  
SAID TO THEM, 'DO NOT BE AFRAID; GO AND TELL MY  
BROTHERS TO GO TO GALILEE; THERE THEY WILL SEE  
ME.'

11 WHILE THEY WERE GOING, SOME OF THE GUARD WENT  
INTO THE CITY AND TOLD THE CHIEF PRIESTS  
EVERYTHING THAT HAD HAPPENED. <sup>12</sup>AFTER THE PRIESTS<sup>\*</sup>  
HAD ASSEMBLED WITH THE ELDERS, THEY DEvised A  
PLAN TO GIVE A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO THE  
SOLDIERS, <sup>13</sup>TELLING THEM, 'YOU MUST SAY, "HIS  
DISCIPLES CAME BY NIGHT AND STOLE HIM AWAY WHILE  
WE WERE ASLEEP."<sup>14</sup>IF THIS COMES TO THE GOVERNOR'S  
EARS, WE WILL SATISFY HIM AND KEEP YOU OUT OF  
TROUBLE.' <sup>15</sup>SO THEY TOOK THE MONEY AND DID AS THEY  
WERE DIRECTED. AND THIS STORY IS STILL TOLD AMONG  
THE JEWS TO THIS DAY.