

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Easter Sunday Service — April 9, 2023

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The Empty Tomb, [vv. 1-8](#)

Who was it that came to make final preparation for the burial of Jesus at dawn after the Sabbath?

([Mark 16:1](#))

Why do you think the stone was rolled back from the tomb?

Who did the guards and the women encounter at the tomb? ([Judges 13:19-20](#); [Revelation 16:17-18](#))

What was announced to the women? ([Romans 1:2-6](#))

How was Jesus raised from the dead? ([Romans 6:4, 8:11](#); [1 Corinthians 6:14](#))

Should the women have been surprised by what the angel announced to them? ([Matthew 16:21, 17:23, 20:18-19](#))

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The Risen Lord, [vv. 9-10](#)

Who else met them and what was the women's response?

Was it a ghost or apparition? How do we know?

What does their act truly show? (alternatively, [Acts 10:25-26](#); [Revelation 22:8b-9](#))

What were the women told to do? (See also Matthew 23:50; Matthew 24:55)

How much weight did Jewish and Roman law give the witness of women? ([Talmud, Rosh Hashannah 1.8](#); [Josephus, Antiquities 4.8.15](#); [Luke 24:9, 11](#))

Why might Jesus have chosen women to be the first witnesses of his resurrection?

The False Report, [vv. 11-15](#)

To whom did the guards give an account of the events at the tomb of where Jesus was laid?

What might be some of their motives?

What false story among the Jews was circulated that was still being told after almost 100 years? ([Justin Martyr, Dialogue with Trypho, 108.2](#))

The Great Commission, [vv. 16-20](#)

Did the disciples do as Jesus commanded they go and do? ([Luke 24:9](#); [1 Corinthians 15:6](#))

What did they do when they saw Jesus?

What did Jesus say that God, the Father, had given to him? ([Daniel 7:13-14](#))

What did Jesus then command them to do?

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