

## **Blessed to Be a Blessing – April 24, 2011**

### **Go and Tell**

**“Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.” Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, “Tell them, ‘His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.’ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and make you secure.” So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.”**

**Matthew 28:10-15 NKJV**

Even in this day and age where we are surrounded by all manners and types of amazing things, children still seem to love the opportunity for “Show and Tell” at school. It is their time to interact with their classmates, to demonstrate, show, and speak about something that is important to them. It is their time to communicate with others about something that excites and motivates them. Adults don’t go in much for “Show and Tell” in a formal sense, but we still love to talk about things that are our passion and we also take every opportunity to communicate important news to our neighbors and friends.

In the Bible passage above we see something like that happening with two groups of adults. It is not “Show and Tell”. It is “Go and Tell”. Jesus had already done the showing. He had risen from the dead. The sealed tomb was empty. When the stone was rolled back in a glorious display by the angels, He was gone. Arisen...just as He said!

The first group told to “Go and Tell” were the women who had come in sadness to the tomb. How blessed they were to be greeted by the risen Lord Jesus. Such a joyous occasion has grown out of sorrow. Sin, hell, and death are defeated and the gift of life is given for Jesus is alive. Jesus wants the “Good News” told to the others who are laboring in sorrow...”Go and Tell”, He says that they may have the comfort of knowing that all is

fulfilled and that joy and life everlasting are theirs. He will see them in Galilee!

The other group told to “Go and Tell” are the soldiers. They are bribed by the chief priests and the elders to cover up the truth. “Tell them his disciple stole the body,” they were commanded. And the Scriptures tell us that untruth took root and spread.

There isn't really any difference today in the stories being told. It all boils down to the simple truth of the resurrection of Jesus versus the lies of the unbelievers. Either the joy of the resurrection is preached to the salvation of men's souls, or the doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus is attacked by all manner of sophistry in order to keep sinners from the comfort given in the Gospel.

God's Word make a simple observation...”if Jesus is not risen from the dead then you are still in your trespasses and sins! But now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.” Jesus is the pattern of our resurrection. We too as His children will rise to glory...the glory Christ has won for us.

“God and Tell!” Now is Christ Jesus risen from the dead. He is gone before us to prepare the way and we shall see Him in the glory of heaven. A blessed Easter to all. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.

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