

**Easter Sunday**  
***I AM the Living One!***

Sunday, April 5, 2026

**Matthew 28:1-10 NASB**

Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup> And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards shook from fear of him and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> And the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. <sup>7</sup> And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see Him; behold, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup> And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to report to His disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Rejoice!” And they came up and took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus \*said to them, “Do not be afraid; go, bring word to My brothers to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

- 1. He Keeps His Word.**
- 2. It IS Finished-And it IS Real.**
- 3. He is Alive-And He is Here.**
- 4. Believe and Live.**

**Conclusion:** *Whom the Son Sets Free is Free Indeed!* Don't go back to the grave when the stone has already been rolled away. Don't keep wearing what He already took off of you. **The resurrection is not just something to celebrate—it is something to step into.**

**LIFE GROUP LESSON**

***I AM the Living One!***

Week of April 5th, 2026- April 11th, 2026

**Ice Breaker:** He's Alive! *Do you believe*, Jesus IS the Living One?

**Read Matthew 28:1-10.**

5. What happened as the women arrived at the tomb? (vs.1-2)
6. Who did they see? What did he look like? (v.3)
7. What happened to the guards who saw the angel? (v.4)
8. What does this tell us about what it will be like to see in full color-divine beings, the glory of the Lord, and all the beauty of heaven?
9. What does this tell you about the effect the presence of glory has?
10. What did the angel say to the women? (v.5)
11. What was the great news revealed? (v.6)
12. Read Mark 9:31. What did Jesus tell His disciples?
13. What did the angel tell the women to do? (v.7)
14. Was this a significant moment for these women? Why would the angel reveal this news to these women first and give them the assignment to tell the disciples? Why not just appear to them as well?
15. What was their response? What were they feeling? (v.8)
16. Try to imagine hearing that news and what that must have felt like. We have always known this truth as we receive the Gospel. How do we stir a response in our hearts like the women had as we ponder this miraculous truth that still applies to us?
17. Who did they meet on their way? What does He say to them? (v.9)
18. What assignment did Jesus affirm for the women? (v.10)
19. Read Revelation 1:18. What moment and truth is this referring to?
20. Who does Jesus say He is? What does that mean for us and our faith?
21. Read 2 Corinthians 1:20. What do we read about the promises of God? What is our response to those promises? What does that mean?
22. Read Luke 24:36-39. What does Jesus say as He appears?
23. Read Luke 24:44-48. What did Jesus make known and what did He reveal about the assignment of His disciples?
24. Why are witnesses important? What do they do?
25. Read John 1:4-5. Why can we believe Jesus is the Living One?
26. Read John 16:33. What is the truth and encouragement given to us?
27. Read Hebrews 11:1. What is faith? How do we apply this daily?

**Point to ponder:** Are we living in the truth that Jesus IS the Risen King?