

The difference between knowing and believing

Matthew 28:1-15

- I. When the women knew Jesus was alive they believed and worshipped (Matthew 28:1-10).
 - A. The women encountered the angel (28:1-7).
 - B. The women encountered Jesus (28:8-10).

What Jesus' resurrection proved

- He was the Son of God – Romans 1:4
- He defeated death – Acts 2:24
- He can save us from sin's penalty – Romans 5:10
- He can give us eternal life if we believe in him – John 11:25-26

- II. When the guards and chief priests knew Jesus was alive they denied, rejected and opposed it (Matthew 28:11-15).
 - A. The guards rejected the truth due to their fear and greed.
 - B. The chief priests rejected the truth due to pride and self-righteousness (Luke 18:19; Matthew 23:28,29,33, Romans 10:3-4; Galatians 2:21)

How to have eternal life

- Realize your sin demands God's judgment – Romans 3:23; 6:23
- Realize Jesus Christ's death took your punishment – Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 2:24
- Personally *believe* in Jesus who died and rose again – John 3:16, 36; Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Cor. 15:1-4