

Matthew 28

v1 - Sabbath	(proper noun)	the first day of the week in the Jewish calendar. This day was a day of rest.
v1 – dawn	(noun)	the first appearance of light in the sky before the sun rises
v1 – tomb	(noun)	a large grave that is above the ground, used for burying dead bodies
v2 – violent	(adjective)	happens suddenly and with great force
v2 – earthquake	(noun)	shaking of the ground
v2 – angel	(noun)	a spiritual being who is a messenger and servant of God
v2 – heaven	(noun)	the place where God dwells
v3 – lightning	(noun)	bright flashes of light in the sky that happens during thunderstorms
v4 – shook	(verb)	moved quickly back and forth
v5 – crucified	(verb)	killed by being nailed to a cross
v6 – risen	(verb)	came back to life after having died
v6 – disciples	(noun)	followers
v7 – Galilee	(proper noun)	a region; see map
v8 – joy	(noun)	great happiness
v9 – clasped	(verb)	held tightly
v9 – worshipped	(verb)	gave praise, honour and respect as one would give to God
v11 – chief priests	(noun)	the high-ranking priests, who were also part of the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling council)
v12 – elders	(noun)	community leaders and judges, who were also part of the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling council)
v12 – devised	(verb)	had an idea for something and then designed it
v12 – sum	(noun)	amount (of money)
v14 – governor	(noun)	a person in charge of the political administration of an area
v14 – satisfy	(verb)	convince someone that something is true by giving them information or evidence
v15 – circulated	(verb)	told by people to one another; spread from person to person
v15 – Jews	(proper noun)	the people of Israel; particularly in this case it is referring to the people of Israel who opposed Jesus and did not believe in him
v17 – doubted	(verb)	felt uncertain about whether something is true
v18 – authority	(noun)	the right to command other people; the quality that makes people take notice of someone and what they have to say
v19 – baptising	(verb)	washing someone with water as a symbol that they have trusted in Jesus and their sins are forgiven
v19 – Holy Spirit	(proper noun)	the third person of the Trinity. Christians worship one God who is three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28 (New International Reader's Version)

¹ The Sabbath day was now over. It was dawn on the first day of the week. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a powerful earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven. The angel went to the tomb. He rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His body shone like lightning. His clothes were as white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here! He has risen, just as he said he would! Come and see the place where he was lying. ⁷ Go quickly! Tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb. They were afraid, but they were filled with joy. They ran to tell the disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings!" he said. They came to him, took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee. There they will see me."

¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city. They reported to the chief priests all that had happened. ¹² When the chief priests met with the elders, they came up with a plan. They gave the soldiers a large amount of money. ¹³ They told the soldiers, "We want you to say, 'His disciples came during the night. They stole his body while we were sleeping.' ¹⁴ If the governor hears this report, we will pay him off. That will keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were told. This story has spread all around among the Jews to this day.

¹⁶ Then the 11 disciples went to Galilee. They went to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him. But some still had their doubts. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."



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