

Women's Bible Study Discussion Questions

Matthew 28

1. Chapter 28 opens as Resurrection Day dawns. Describe the events of vs. 2-4. In what specific ways do they contrast with the scene laid out at Christ's death?
2. As was true at the crucifixion, women are close by. Here they are first on the scene, seeking Jesus early and boldly! After reading John 14:21, describe why you think this is true.
3. In vs. 5-7, an angel calms them and gives them instructions to share with the disciples. What does he tell them? What does God's placing women at the center of the Easter story communicate to you about your significance in God's redemption story?
4. One translation of vs. 8-10 describes the women hurrying from the tomb "deep in wonder and full of joy." Suddenly, they meet Jesus on the road. They run to him, clasp his feet, and worship him. In what ways does our being full of wonder and joy at God's work in our lives prepare us to worship him properly? What faith practice(s) do you or can you build into your life to encourage such worship day-by-day?
5. For context in understanding vs. 11-15, read Matthew 27: 62-66. What does the text tell us about Pilate and the Romans' fears (and expectations) about what the disciples might do to Jesus' body? What does this reveal about their hearts? In what specific ways does this contrast with the guards' report? Did the false report, although circulated until the time Matthew wrote his account, prevent the Gospel's spread?
6. As Matthew's Gospel concludes in vs. 16-20, Jesus and the disciples are united on a mountain in Galilee. Summarize the Great Commission that he gives to them (and to us). What truths about Jesus imbedded in vs. 17 and 20 give you confidence and boldness to carry out his instructions?