

## SERMON OUTLINE

**Improving Easter**  
Matthew 27:65-28:8, 11-15  
April 9, 2023

- I. Introduction
- II. Matthew's perspective on Easter
- III. Easter at the tomb (Matt. 27:65-28:6)
  - A. At the tomb
    - 1. Soldiers (27:65-66)
    - 2. Women (28:1)
  - B. Shared experiences
    - 1. "A great earthquake" (28:2)
    - 2. "An angel of the Lord" (28:2-3)
    - 3. Moving the stone (28:2)
    - 4. Fear (28:4-5)
    - 5. Words of the angel (28:6)
- IV. Contrasting responses (Matt. 28:8-15)
  - A. Women tell (28:8)
  - B. Guard/soldiers tell (28:11)
    - 1. Open to bribery (28:12-13)
    - 2. Do as directed (28:15)
- V. Seeing is not believing
  - A. They all experienced the same events
  - B. The difference: the work of God
- VI. How can God work in our lives?
  - A. We can't make it happen
  - B. We can put ourselves in the right place
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