

# Resurrection

△ Matt 28:1-10, Col 3:1-4

## Retelling

### The Scene

#### Dawn

Stone rolled in front of the grave

#### The guards

Mary Magdalene & the other Mary

### The Action

#### Earthquake

Like the storm at sea that Jesus calmed

**Matt 8:24** Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, (storm = seismos = disturbance)

**Matt 24:7** Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes (seismos) in various places.

**Matt 27:51** At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook (seio), the rocks split

**Matt 27:54** When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake (seismos) and all that had happened

Matthew is the only one who has the earthquake

Indicating that this is a moment of God

#### Angel

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from heaven

like lightening, white as snow

rolled back the stone and sat on it

Dominating the earth

Quaking the earth

## The guards were deadly afraid

Shaking

Becoming like dead men

Like Daniel when he saw one of God's visions

Daniel 10:8 **So I was left alone to see this great vision. My strength left me, and my complexion grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength.**

<sup>9</sup> **Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a trance, face to the ground.**

In the presence of the Divine people freeze:  
The Fear of the Lord

## The women are not afraid

As the angel tells them to not be afraid

Like Daniel too

10:10 **But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees.**

The were roused from any fear

## The Message

### The Good News

Angel knows they are looking for the crucified Jesus

**"He is not here; for he has been raised"**

Just as he said!

## The Instruction

Come - see where he lay

**empty space**

Go

**Tell the disciples**

**He has been raised from the dead**

**he is going to Galilee**

**Meet him there**

## The Response

### The two Marys run!

Fear

**Now they were still afraid**

Great Joy!

**And had joy**

to the disciples

### Fear and Joy

Suddenly everything was different

Fear is also how mortals respond when we are confronted with a new truth that will change our lives

In this sense fear and joy are not strangers.

We experience them when we draw close to a friend, when we fall in love, when a baby is on the way, and when sickness and death draw near.

Why should not fear and joy accompany us when we are called to live into God's good news?

## Then they meet Jesus himself

Are able to touch him and worship him

As he repeats the message that the Angel had already told them

He is really alive!

He is really risen!

## What is the meaning of Jesus' resurrection for us?

### It validates the cross

What Jesus achieved on the cross for us

Forgiveness of sins

Freedom from slavery and bondage to sin

Victory over Satan

Redemption/Purchased us from the Kingdom of Darkness

### It proofs that Jesus is the Son of God

John 10:18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

### Through his resurrection, we have obtained the promise of resurrection and eternal life

By believing in Him as our Lord and Saviours

Our life is already eternal

## Death has lost its sting

Col 1:21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

Col 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. <sup>1</sup>

Col 2:12 ...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Col 2:20 Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world,

<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

## Jesus' resurrection became our resurrection through baptism

we are raised to life already, although we have not died yet

Col 3:1 **Since, then, you have been raised with Christ**, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

And when he returns to make all things new

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

After we die we will also return with Jesus

## Consequences for us?

Set your hearts on the things above - heaven, where Jesus is

Col 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above, where Christ is**, seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

This does not mean that we have our heads in the clouds

^ <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/resurrection-of-our-lord/commentary-on-colossians-31-4-6>

"Christ is risen!—He is risen indeed!"

A Colossians variation on the theme might be: "You have died!—I have been raised with Christ!"

Both assertions are true, and true at the same time.

Colossians is all about the stereoscopic vision that comes from the resurrection.

You see yourself as dead, and you equally see yourself as alive.

You carry out the business of this earth in public and in broad daylight. yet your life is

...also hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ is revealed in his glory, you also will be revealed in the same glory, despite your status as sinner transferred from the kingdom of darkness.

**How can you set your mind on the things above while living on the earth?**

By the double vision of the Christian faith.

Faith gives us the lenses to see reality aright and accordingly act, obediently, and joyfully.

**Amen**