

The Great Awakening

Matthew 28:1-10

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Introduction:

- **1st Corinthians 15:12-22**
 - **Matthew 28:1-10**
 - **Matthew 28:52-53**
 - **Acts 2:36-41**
 - “Your life of sin and failure will walk you to the sadness of the Cross all day long, that happens on a Friday. BUT Jesus wants you to remember that Sunday is coming!”
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1. On the First Day of the Week:

- a. The birth of Jesus splits time – B.C. - *Before Christ* ... A.D. Anno Domini – *The year of Our Lord*
- b. I want us to know about another major shift in time as well – The day of worship.
- c. The Resurrection shifts our worship focus from the last day of the week – Saturday, to the First Day of the week – Sunday.
- d. **Matthew 28:1-4**
- e. Who was Joseph of Arimathea?
 1. A wealthy man who was a member of the Jewish Ruling Council.
 2. He believed there was something special about Jesus.
- f. **John 3:1-2**
- g. **Luke 23:50-51**
- h. **Luke 23:55**
- i. **Matthew 28:2**
- j. Consider the courage it took these ladies to do what they did. – Three things to think about:
 1. One –
 2. Two –
 3. Three –
- k. **Isaiah 1:18**
- l. **Acts 1:10-11**

2. Do Not Be Afraid:

- a. The fear these ladies felt would have been twofold:
 1. They are in the presence of an angel.
 2. They could not find Jesus.

- b. Notice that the angel only addresses the women. – **Matthew 28:5**
- c. The angel addresses FIVE things:
 - 1. Do not be afraid. – **Luke 1:13 ... Luke 1:30 ... Luke 2:10 ... Matthew 28:5-6**
 - 2. He addresses their fear.
 - 3. He reminds them that Jesus told them this would happen.
 - 4. He is risen and everyone will see Him.
 - 5. He addresses that he has now done his job by telling them.
- d. I think the church is too consumed with fear.

3. Jesus says, Do Not Be Afraid:

- a. **Matthew 28:8-10**
- b. Many people do not believe the Biblical account of what happened to Jesus on the Cross. They don't really know why He went to the Cross.
- c. God loved you and I so much that He stepped out of Eternity.
- d. He faced:
 - 1. The Pressure of Fear:
 - 2. The Pressure of Loneliness:
 - 3. The Pressure of Silence:
 - 4. The Mock Trials:
 - 5. He was flogged without mercy:
 - 6. Three hours of Darkness:
- e. So, why the worship shift to Sunday?