

31 Mar 2013 (Easter): Preached by Rev Quek Suan Yew

Topic: **He is Risen!**

Scripture Text: Matthew 28: 1-8

1. The world attacks the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They would not believe the words of Jesus that He said He would rise on the 3rd day.
2. In Matt 28, the response of the unbelieving people was to seal the tomb where Jesus' body was buried in and also to put soldiers to guard the tomb. They wanted to be so sure that none of the disciples of Jesus Christ would come to steal the body of Jesus and then claimed He has resurrected.
3. On the 3rd day Sunday morning, 2 disciples called Mary came to the tomb of Jesus. God did a tremendous miracle to send an earthquake. The tomb door was rolled open. Both Marys did not see the body of Jesus. The soldiers guarding the tomb were helpless and could not move at all in seeing the power of God. Later they were bribed and told a lie that the disciples of Jesus came to steal His body.
4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an act of God. The Heavenly Father is pleased with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to save sinners that He proves His acceptance by raising Jesus from the dead.
5. There was the witness of the angel speaking to the 2 Marys that they need not be afraid and that Jesus is risen. Angels do not lie and only speak the truth. In fact, the Bible recorded for us 10 appearances of Jesus Christ after His resurrection and all His appearance was to believers. For unbelievers, when Jesus comes again, it will be judgment time for them.
6. Finally, we have the witness of the 2 Marys who were eye-witnesses of the empty tomb. Jesus is alive. These 2 disciples were filled with reverential fear of God and great joy as they proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we live a holy life for the Lord Jesus in the power of His resurrection.