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# Greater Than Death

Matthew 28:1-7

# The Truth of Our Days

- Calendars
- Chaos
- Calamity
- Confusion
- Conclusion

# The Reality of Death

- 105 people die every minute
- 6300 people die every hour
- 151600 people die every day
- 55.3 million People die every year
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- Doctors can do things that will enhance your life and lengthen your life but they can never eliminate your death

# Matthew 28:1-7

- **1** After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.  
**2** There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. **4** The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

# Matthew 28:1-7

- <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

# The Women Return to the Tomb

- Have you ever wondered why the women were going to the tomb that first Easter morning?
- These women were going out to the tomb to finish the job that was cut short on Friday
- They were headed to the tomb to handle a gruesome task

# The Stone is Rolled Away

- The earthquake happens
- The angel rolls back the stone
- The guards fall down like dead men
- The angel sits on the stone

# The Angel Gives the Message of the Resurrection

- The angel brings awareness
- **Do not be afraid**
- The angel makes the announcement
- **He has risen**
- The angel expects action
- **Come and see**
- **Go and tell**

# One Word Changes Everything

- Egerthe - to awaken, to raise or to appear
- One Message
- One Word
- One Reality
- He has risen

# Because Of Egerthe

- Because He has risen - you have hope
- Because He has risen - you have life after death
- Because He has risen - your last day now becomes your best day

# Psalm 23:4

- Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

# Jesus is the Shepherd

- Jesus wants to shepherd us through life
- Jesus will shepherd us through death
- Is Jesus your shepherd?
- If you go through life without Jesus, you will also go through death without Jesus

# Is Jesus Your Shepherd?

- A - Admit that you have sinned
- B - Believe that Jesus died for you and was raised again
- C - Commit to follow Him