

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for October 23, 1988

Resurrection of Jesus
Part 1
Matthew 28:1-10
Dale Whitehead

Introduction: **Psalm 49:15; Psalm 73:4**, God will redeem my soul (**Daniel 12:2**). Both the Old and New Testaments teach resurrection.

1. The approach of the women to the tomb (**Matthew 28:1-4**).
2. The women discover the empty tomb. It appears in order to have continuity in **Matthew 28:1-28** that the other Mary had to have been left behind and was later joined there by other women (**Mark 16:1; Luke 24:10**).
3. While Mary Magdalene is gone two angels speak to the women when they enter the tomb (**Luke 24:4**). The primary spokesman of the two angels is on the right (**Mark 16:5**). The angels gave specific instruction on what to share with the disciples (**Matthew 28:7**) and Peter (**Mark 16:7**). The women are told not to be afraid and are reminded of what Jesus had said previously about His resurrection. The women are told by the angels to “go and tell the disciples and Peter.” The second point of the angels direction is to tell them to “leave for Galilee and there they shall see Jesus.” The women leave the tomb still fearful because of the angelic confrontation but also full of joy because of the resurrection. The sorrow is tempered with hope. The confusion is replaced with direction. The anger is consumed by joy.
4. Peter and John see the linen wrappings and folded face cloth (**John 20:5,7**), which is inconsistent with a theft of the body and testifies to the resurrection. The “other disciple” (John) believed that the body was stolen (**John 21:9**) and they return home.
5. Mary saw an angel on the right and on the left (**John 20:12**). This pictures the image on the mercy seat where the lid covered the Ark of the Covenant with two cherubim on either end (**Exodus 25:17, 22**). The high priest would sprinkle blood on the mercy seat on the Day of Atonement (**Leviticus 16:15**). Illustrating the death of Christ cleansing the sin of man.