

Responding to the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Matthew 28:1-20

I. The Response of Denial (vv.11-13).

*And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.
(vv.2-4)*

. . . some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ (vv.11-13)

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Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.
(vv. 16-17)

“Doubt about Jesus or about the reality of his resurrection does not seem appropriate” for those who truly worship Him.

– D.A. Carson

The word *doubt* as we are using it can be translated *hesitate*.

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Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. (v.9)

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IV. The Response of Dedication
(vv.7-8; 18- 20)

*Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
(vv.7-8)*

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (vv.18-20)