

## WHO SHALL TAKE AWAY THE STONE?

**Mark 16:1-8**

### INTRODUCTION

- A. The Importance of the Resurrection of Christ
  - 1. Fulfilled promise of Christ to His disciples

**Matthew 16:21**

*From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. NKJV*

- 2. The sign given by Jesus of His deity

**John 2:18-22**

*So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. NKJV*

- B. The Woman Come to the Tomb Bringing Spices
    - 1. The third day after the crucifixion
    - 2. The trip to anoint the body of Jesus
    - 3. The question: "Who shall roll us away the stone?"
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C. The Stone Speaks.

**I. THE STONE SPEAKS OF THE DESPAIR OF DEATH**

- A. That stone blocked the way to the tomb
  - 1. Those outside could not get in
  - 2. The One inside could not get out (it was supposed)
- B. Speaks of death holding loved ones from us
- C. But the stone was rolled away
  - 1. We will someday see our loved ones who have died
  - 2. The stone could not keep Jesus in the tomb
- D. Jesus arose, conquering death for us

**1 Corinthians 15:55-58**

*"O Death, where is your sting?  
O Hades, where is your victory?"*

*The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. NKJV*

## **II. THE STONE SPEAKS OF THE EFFORTS OF THE ENEMIES OF JESUS**

- A. The stone was sealed by the Roman Empire
- B. This was done at the request of the priests and Pharisees
- C. Formalistic, faithless religious leaders were enemies of Jesus
- D. The pagan Roman Empire was an enemy of Jesus
- E. There were also supernatural enemies of Jesus
  - 1. Jesus said His enemies were children of Satan

### ***John 8:44***

*You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. NKJV*

- 2. Demonic forces are to be reckoned with even now

### ***Ephesians 6***

- F. Jesus arose and conquered all His foes

### ***Colossians 2:12-15***

*buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. NKJV*

## **III. THE STONE SPEAKS OF ANYTHING THAT SEPARATES US FROM OUR SAVIOR**

- A. The women see themselves helplessly standing before the stone
- B. They believe the stone will keep them separated from Jesus
- C. Sin separates people from Jesus

***Isaiah 59:1-2***

*Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save;  
Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God;  
And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. NKJV*

- D. Jesus welcomes and forgives those who bring their sins to Him
- E. Those who trust Jesus will not be separated from him

***Rom. 8***

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. When the women arrived, the Stone had been rolled away v. 4
- B. Look in Faith to Jesus: The One Who is Always Approachable
  - 1. Put away your fears; the stone has been rolled away. V. 6
  - 2. Tell the good news: Christ is Risen!
  - 3. Rejoice: The Stone Has Been Rolled Away!