

East Side Church

Life Notes

Discover Deliverance

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Matthew 28:11-15

Easter Enigma: Every year Easter arrives and millions of people either miss it or mock it.

Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard. –Matthew 27:62-66 (ESV)

Deliverance Discovery #1: Easter offers us deliverance from the sin and failure of our life.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." –Matthew 28:5-10 (ESV)

Deliverance Discovery #2: Easter offers us deliverance from false realities created by the world around us.

While they were going, behold 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.'" –Matthew 28:11-13 (ESV)

Deliverance Discovery #3: Easter offers us deliverance from the bondage of power and greed.

"And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. –Matthew 28:14-15 (ESV)

Easter Invitation: Will you accept the deliverance God is offering you today?