

# MATTHEW 28 vs 11

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**Matthew was an eyewitness to Jesus.** Most people do not know that Matthew clearly organized his gospel in 5 sections or divisions: and this is the last detailed portion of the good news that he was inspired to write, and he wrote before the temple was destroyed, and some paleographers have dated Matthew's writings to within 20 years of when they actually happened.

**11 Now as they were going, pay attention, some of the guard / some of those keeping watch at the grave... came into the city, and reported to the chief priests all the things that happened.**

**12 And when they had assembled with the elders, and counseled with them /** that is when the Sanhedrin gathered to write their new talking points,

**they gave large sums of money to the soldiers /** attempting to do damage control... to bribe them, to pay them off.

**13 Saying, You say, His disciples came by night, and stole Him while we slept / zzzZZZ!! Hummm!?** Not a good confession; for sleeping on duty, they themselves could be sentenced to death.

**14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you /** if Pilate hears about this, we promise to keep you safe; yeah right! The guards probably ended up dead the next day.

**15 So they took the money, and did as they were instructed: and this saying /** this fake news deception, is commonly reported among the Jewish leaders still today.

In the meantime, remember: these are highly compressed stories...

**16 Then the eleven disciples went away to Galilee /** and No! They didn't carpool. They actually had to walk to Galilee -- 4 or 5 days to get there and remember, not to travel on the Sabbath day.

**So, they went away to Galilee, to a mountain where Jesus had chosen them /** and if I were to guess, it is where the Sermon on the Mount was given; where their Teacher taught many lessons... and No! He didn't send them to go fishing; but probably Peter got there first... and waited around for the others -- it seems maybe the entire week.



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**17 And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him but some doubted / they moved toward Him to embrace Him, and what is it they doubted?**

Obviously, **not** that He's alive! They are talking with Him; it is broad daylight. When Peter walked on the water, we read Jesus ask, **Oh you, little faith men. Why did you doubt?** Why did you double-think? It also says, those in the boat **worshiped Him** -- **Matthew 14** And were some wondering whether or not they should worship Him? Of course! They were Judah's children. They knew and daily practiced... the rituals and traditions; particularly, the **shema**... the: **Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one** -- **Deuteronomy 6:4**.



But now, everywhere Jesus went, He was having to correct fear and doubt. Luther said, those who are weak in the faith also belong to the kingdom of Christ. Otherwise, Jesus would not have told Peter, Strengthen your friends! Otherwise, Paul would not have said, Receive the weak in faith!

Jesus knows how to correct fear and doubt. For 40 days, being seen, and then being not seen; **coming, and going... and coming again; meeting over 500 people**; preparing His disciples for the other Paraclete that was soon to come; teaching that the body that was crucified and risen from the dead was the same.

Now, with less than 40 days to the Ascension, Matthew writes...

**18 Jesus came and spoke, saying,**

**All authority is given to Me in heaven and in earth.**

**19 Go!** He sent all His followers!

**discipling all nations** / the word is: **matheteuo**; help those doing the math, putting it all together.

**Jesus said, Go! precision instruction all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:**

**20 Teaching them to guard to protect all that I've commanded you:**

**and, lo / mark this! I am with you always** / at no time, am I not with you,

**to the end of the world. Amen!** And Jesus signed His Eternal Name to this record