

REPERCUSSIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

MATTHEW 28:1-10

Early Christians firmly believed that it was the risen Christ who changed people's lives. Think of the women who went to the tomb early Sunday morning. Meeting the resurrected Christ completely turned their lives around. They were never the same. The same continues to be true today. Jesus Christ lives, and when we encounter Him, there are tremendous repercussions. So, looking at the example of the women, what repercussions should the resurrection have in our lives?

1. Joy

- How is it that fear and joy can go together? Matthew 28:8; Psalm 2:11
- What does Jesus' prediction in John 16:20 mean?
- How is the resurrection a source of joy?

2. Worship

- What does the term "worship" imply about who Jesus really is? Matthew 28:9
- How does John 5:23 give us clarity in the area of worship?
- How does the resurrection encourage your worship?

3. Boldness

- Both the angel and the Lord Himself commanded the women to go share the news about His resurrection. Matthew 26:7-10 What does this imply about the importance of letting others know about the resurrection, despite impediments and obstacles?
- In Matthew 28:18-20 the risen Lord gives His followers a tremendous task. It contains several elements that should encourage us to be bold sharers of the gospel. Explain each one:
 - The risen Christ delegates His authority to us. Matthew 28:18
 - The presence of the risen Christ accompanies us. Matthew 28:20*b*
 - The risen Christ entrusts us with His word for the world. Matthew 28:20*a*