

THE RESURRECTION
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 9, 2023

MT. 27:27-31

On Friday:

- Jesus is praying, disciples are sleeping, angels are ministering.
- Judas is betraying, Peter is denying, disciples are scattering.
- Crowds cry crucify, Pilate is caving, a mock trial is beginning.
- Disciples are questioning, Mary is crying, scribes are scheming.
- Romans are whipping, thorns are crowning, evil is rejoicing.
- Nailed to the Cross, priests are reviling, death is coming.
- Jesus dies, His body is claimed, tomb is sealed and guarded.
- Satan has won, all hope seems gone, sin and death have prevailed.

MT. 28:1-8

It's Sunday, not Friday

- Soldiers are gone, seal is broken, stone is hurled away.
- Sepulchre has no body, shroud, scars and sightings tell the story.
- Jesus is alive and risen (**REV. 1:18**).

Seven Facts

- 1.) Soldiers. **MT. 27:62-66** The highly trained guards were gone. **MT. 28:11-15 NLT** They were paid off and started the stolen body theory.
- 2.) Seal. To grant the seal meant Pilate believed Jesus was innocent. Otherwise, the body would've been left for the animals.
- 3.) Stone. **MT. 27:59-60** The stone weighed around 4,000 lbs. **JOHN 20:1** It was tossed away from the tomb.
- 4.) Sepulchre. **LUKE 24:2-8 NIV** No soldiers, no seal, no stone and now, no body. The tomb has no body in it.
- 5.) Shroud. **JOHN 19:39-40, 20:2-8** John saw the linen cloths in the shape of a body like a cocoon. The folded napkin means He's not finished.
- 6.) Scars. **JOHN 20:26-28** Thomas wanted proof and the scars satisfied.
- 7.) Sightings. **1 COR. 15:3-8** Jesus appeared to 500 witnesses at once. **MT. 27:50-53** They couldn't deny this scene.

Conclusion: PHIL 2:5-11

- Death does not have the final say.
- We serve a Risen Savior.
- Jesus is Lord of all and the only worthy one.
- God's love for us is unspeakable. **EPH. 2:1-7**