

## To Fear or Fear Not Matthew 28:1-10

- Does your fear ever keep you from the miracle of the resurrection?
- Matthew 28:1-4 - After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.
- How devoted are you to Jesus?
- Our first reaction to losing control is to be afraid.
- The message of the resurrection cannot be heard where there is fear. – Dale Bruner.
- God will not force faith on you
- <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”
- 1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
- When the resurrection power of Jesus touches your life, a mission comes with it: Go tell
- <sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
- <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”
- Let the joy of resurrection trample your fear.
- The resurrection means fear doesn’t have to rule your life
- Their failures had not changed the relationship; his death and resurrection has.
- The disciples need to know they are still followers after their failures.
- Heavenly Father, I give my fear to you. Let me experience the miracle of the resurrection.