

## Sermon: “Do Not Be Afraid; Hurry and Tell”

Text: [Matthew 28:1-10 ESV](#)

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**Introduction:** There had been fear when Jesus came to earth. Angels had to tell the shepherds to stop being afraid. They had said to the shepherds: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people ([Luke 2:10 ESV](#)). Now again, after Jesus has resurrected, an angel has to reassure Mary Magdalene and the other Mary that they should not be afraid.

### I. Do Not Be \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. The response of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4) was fear.

B. Response of the \_\_\_\_\_

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 7).

A. Go \_\_\_\_\_ they are told

B. Others also \_\_\_\_\_ to the tomb.

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ (the good news)

A. What were these early \_\_\_\_\_ told?

B. Why not another \_\_\_\_\_?

**Conclusion:** If Jesus had not risen, only the historically astute would have ever heard of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is not just a man in history, though, He is history. He will end history and time as we understand it now. He is not just a memory. He is a presence - Someone to meet. The continuing existence of the Christian Church stands as some of the best evidence to the resurrection. You, as followers of Christ, are the best proof as to the truth of the statement: He is risen!

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### The Resurrection

1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he[a] lay. 7 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.” 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

**Footnotes:** [a] [Matthew 28:6](#) Some manuscripts *the Lord*

**Benediction:** [Hebrews 13:20-21 \(ESV\)](#) 20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.