

¹Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

²Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. ³His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

⁵Then the angel spoke to the women. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said. ‘I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. **Come, see** where his body was lying. ⁷And now, **go** quickly and **tell** his disciples that he has risen from the dead.’ – MATTHEW 28:1-7

On that first EASTER, every **PROPHECY** and every **PLAN** of God found its **FOCUS** and its **FULFILLMENT** in the **RESURRECTION**.

- **Death is** _____
- **Jesus is** _____

THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

1. _____ AND _____ = GOD’S INVITATION

- _____ **Jesus is**

[John the Baptist] “The lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” – JOHN 1:29

“For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.” – ROMANS 3:25

[Jesus] “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die.” – John 11:25-26

- _____ **Jesus offers**

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.” – 1 Peter 1:3

“We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.” – ROMANS 3:22

“So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.” – ROMANS 5:11

2. _____ AND _____ = GOD’S CALL TO ACTION

[JESUS] “Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” – MATTHEW 28:19-20

“Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.” – LUKE 14:23

[Jesus] “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” – JOHN 20:21

THE GOOD NEWS MESSAGE

“God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” – ROMANS 5:8

1. **There is a** _____
2. **He** _____ **you**
3. **He wants to be part of your** _____