

Matthew 28 Study Guide

We often hear that anyone who saw alive from the dead would believe. But would you?

THINK. How would you have reacted to meeting Jesus in the garden as Mary met him? _____

What do you think of the reaction of the soldiers to the angel and the priests' reaction to the report of the soldiers? Does it sound believable? Why might they have reacted as they did?

What do you think of the disciples' reaction in verse 16 and 17. (Some versions of the Bible said they were afraid.) Why would they be afraid or troubled?

As we read on in the story beyond Matthew to the book of Acts, we see these disciples spending their lives to tell people about Jesus and the resurrection, sometimes at great risk. Do you think this was a reasonable reaction to the fact of Jesus' resurrection? Why?

Some say that what the disciples did was proof enough for us that Jesus had truly risen from the dead and that we can trust their testimony to his resurrection. Others say that they might have made it all up. What do you think?

WRITE. You have come to the end of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's purpose was to convince his readers (including you) that Jesus is the Messiah. What was the most powerful piece of his argument for you?

Matthew also wanted to expand his readers' understanding of what "Messiah" means. What did you learn about Jesus the Messiah that is new to you?

APPLY: Matthew hopes he has made his point about Jesus as the Messiah, but he allows Jesus to make the final point, the take-away. It is "Go and make disciples of all nations." If Mathew and Jesus have made their point for you, how do you see yourself as going and making disciples?
