

# The Power of the Resurrection (Matthew 28:1-20)

**God's Power Continues – Part 1**  
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*Luke 1:35 (NIV) The angel answered [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."*

*Acts 10:38 (NIV) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

*Romans 1:4 (NIV) and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Easter

*Matthew 28:1 (NIV) After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.*

### 1A. God's power is \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 28:2-4 (NIV) 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.*

### 1B. Don't fear, Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV) The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.*

## 1C. Follow Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 28:10 (NIV) Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Easter

*Matthew 28:16-17 (NIV) Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.*

### 2A. Jesus delegates His \_\_\_\_\_ to you

*Matthew 28:18 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

### 2B. Go and make \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 28:19 (NIV) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

### 2C. \_\_\_\_\_ others to obey everything

*Matthew 28:20a (NIV) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

### 2D. Trust in Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 28:20b (NIV) And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

*Romans 10:9 (NIV) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

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## Study Guide

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Intro. What do you think the average person thinks the meaning of Easter is?

Who was Jesus, based on Luke 1:35?

What is the connection between Jesus' birth in Luke 1:35 and His ministry summarized in Acts 10:38?

How was Jesus raised from the dead (Romans 1:4)?

1A. What do you think was going through the minds of the two Marys as they walked to Jesus' tomb (Matthew 28:1)?

1B. Why was it not necessary for the angel to remove the stone for Jesus (Matthew 28:2-4)? Why did the angel remove the stone?

1C. In what ways does the resurrection of Jesus deal with our fears (Matthew 28:5-6)?

1D. Why is it important to follow Jesus' instructions (Matthew 28:10)?

1E. How is the empty tomb an important evidence for the resurrection (28:11-15)?

1F. How can the resurrection of Jesus bring hope to those in difficult situations?

2A. Why is Jesus worthy of our worship (Matthew 28:16-17)?

2B. What effect does Jesus' authority have on His subsequent commands (Matthew 28:18)?

2C. What was the mission of Jesus' disciples (Matthew 28:19)? How is this our mission as well?

2D. In what ways have we not followed Jesus' command to teach disciples everything in our modern churches (Matthew 28:20a)?

2E. How is Jesus' presence with us necessary to complete His mission (Matthew 28:20b)? How is Jesus with us (John 14:16-18)?

2F. Is belief in the resurrection of Jesus necessary for salvation (Romans 10:9)? Why or why not?

2G. How can you grow in carrying out the mission of Easter in your own life?