Isaiah 48:1-11-

"Hear this, O house of Jacob, Who are called by the name of Israel, **And have come forth from the wellsprings** of Judah; <u>Who swear by the name of the Lord,</u> And make mention of the God of Israel, **But not in truth or in righteousness; 2** For they call themselves after the holy city, And lean on the God of Israel; 1 C 1 . • TT•

<u>3 "I have declared the former things from</u> the beginning; **<u>They went forth from My mouth, and I</u>** caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did *them*, and they came to pass. **4** Because I knew that you were obstinate, And your neck was an iron sinew, And your brow bronze, **5** Even from the beginning I have declared it to you.

Before it came to pass I proclaimed it to <u>you,</u> Lest you should say, 'My idol has done them, And my carved image and my molded image Have commanded them.' **6 "You have heard;** See all this. And will you not declare *it*? I have made you hear new things from this time

7 They are created now and not from the beginning; And before this day you have not heard them, Lest you should say, 'Of course I knew them.' 8 Surely you did not hear, Surely you did not know; Surely from long ago your ear was not opened. **For I knew that you would deal very**

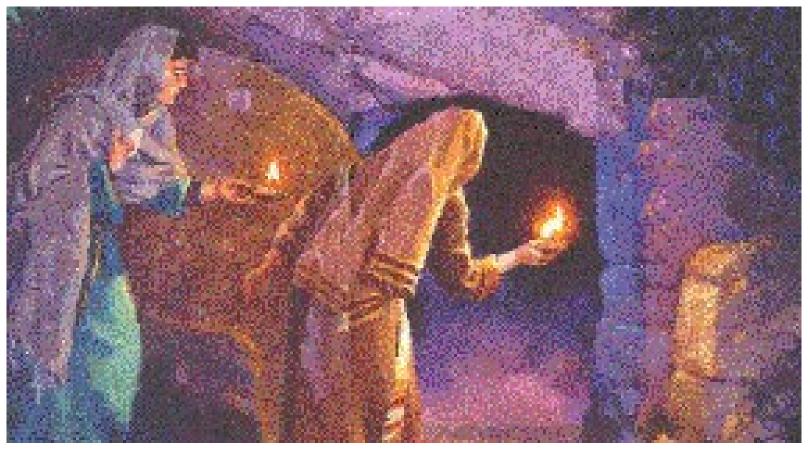
<u>9 "For My name's sake I will defer My</u> anger, And for My praise I will restrain it from you, So that I do not cut you off. **10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as** silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. **<u>11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I</u>** will do *it*; For how should My name he profaned?

Matthew 28:1-15

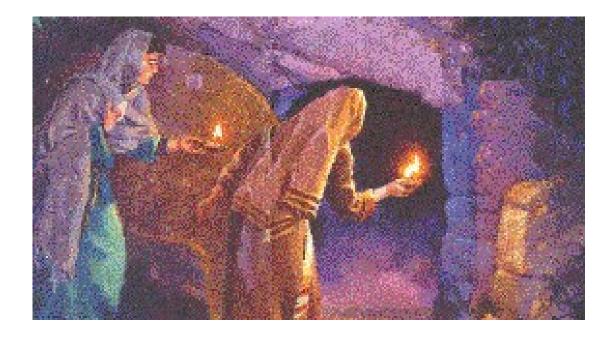


The morning after !

Verse 1- "Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb."

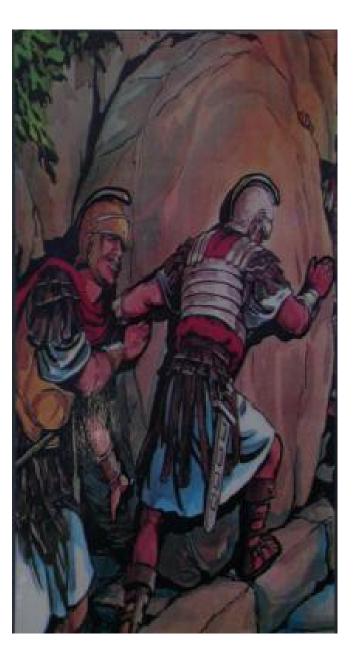


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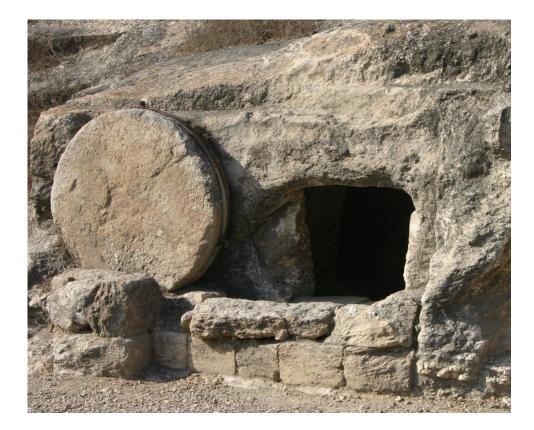


and the other Mary.

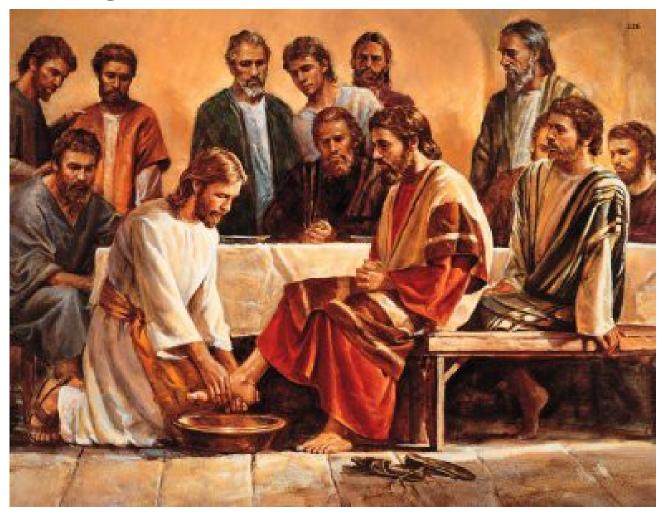
And what of the soldiers guarding the tomb?



And what of the tomb itself?



And where are the closest friends, greatest followers of Christ?





Verse 2,3-

"And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow."

Verse3-7

"4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*.

5 <u>But the angel answered and said to the</u>

women,

"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6 He is not here; <u>for He is risen, as He said</u>.

Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead

, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee ; there you will see Him. Robold I have told you "

Verse 8-10-

"8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with <u>fear and great joy</u>, and ran to bring His disciples word. **9** And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. **10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid.** Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

Verse 11

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had



12 When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, 13 saying, **"Tell them, 'His disciples came at night** and stole Him away while we slept.' 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." 15 So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

So what has this passage said to you ?



Isaiah 46:4,5,9,11

"I made you, and I will care for you. <u>I will carry you along and save you.</u> To whom will you compare me ? Who is my equal?

Remember the things I have done in the past. <u>For I alone am God!</u> I am God, and there is none like Me. I have said what I would do, and I will do