

## The Greatest Story Ever Told

Psalm 16:9-11 ❖ Matthew 27:45-28:10



### Was Crucified, Dead and Buried & Rose Again from the Dead

One morning last week, after I had told a group of children in our pre-school the story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, I asked them if they thought they could \_\_\_\_\_ the story and \_\_\_\_\_ it to someone else - maybe their parents or a friend. Most of them said yes or gave me a thumbs-up, but one little girl said ...

Jesus' death, burial and resurrection is the \_\_\_\_\_ story ever told! He is the only person who ever came back from the dead and never died \_\_\_\_\_! And furthermore Jesus is the only One who promises that those who believe in Him will be raised from the dead and live with Him \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven!

### The Historical Narrative

"Two robbers were \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus, one on His right and one on His left" (Matthew 27:38).

"About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a \_\_\_\_\_ voice, 'My God, My God, why have You \_\_\_\_\_ Me?'" (v. 46).

"And when Jesus had cried out again in a \_\_\_\_\_ voice, He \_\_\_\_\_ up His spirit" (v. 50).

"Joseph took Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new \_\_\_\_\_, that he had cut out of the rock.

He had a big \_\_\_\_\_ rolled in front of the entrance ... " (vv. 59-60).

"The chief priests and the Pharisees made the tomb \_\_\_\_\_ by putting a seal on the stone and posting the \_\_\_\_\_" (v. 66).

"Because You, O God, will not abandon Me to the \_\_\_\_\_, nor will You let Your Holy One see decay" (Psalm 16:10).

"After the Sabbath, at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb" (28:1).

"There was a violent earthquake, for an \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled back the stone and \_\_\_\_\_ on it" (v. 2).

"The guards were so \_\_\_\_\_ of him that they shook and became like \_\_\_\_\_ men" (v. 4).

"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be \_\_\_\_\_, for I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; He has \_\_\_\_\_, just as He said. Come and \_\_\_\_\_ the place where He lay. Then go quickly and \_\_\_\_\_ His disciples'" (vv. 5-7).

"So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with \_\_\_\_\_. Suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ met them. 'Greetings,' He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and \_\_\_\_\_ Him ..." (vv. 8-9).

### Why Is It the Greatest Story Ever Told?

- 1) Because it tells us the \_\_\_\_\_ about our sin:  
"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ \_\_\_\_\_" (Romans 3:23-24).

Only one of the three possible \_\_\_\_\_ for sin is viable.

- 2) Because it tells us the \_\_\_\_\_ about life after death:  
"By His \_\_\_\_\_ God raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise \_\_\_\_\_, also" (1 Corinthians 6:14).

Only one of the three possible \_\_\_\_\_ is good.

### Takeaway

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ the story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection?

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ the story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection is true?

Can you \_\_\_\_\_ someone the story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection?

