

COME SEE GO TELL

MATTHEW 28

Text: Matt 28:5-7

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Introduction:

Most holidays has something that makes them great or distinguishes them from other days. There are many great things with Easter. (See Mark 16)

- Great Kindness
- Great Discovery
- Great Announcement
- Great Appearances
- Great Commission

- Great Conclusion

Each holiday has a message. The message of July 4th in the United States is the nation's independence from England.

The message of Memorial Day is the death of patriotic men and women who died for their country.

The message of Mother's Day is "mom."

The message of Father's Day is "dad."

The message of Christmas is the birth of Christ. We often say that "Jesus is the reason for the season."

The message of Good Friday is the death of Christ for our sins.

(2 Corinthians 5:21) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Now what about this holiday?

To celebrate this holiday the secular world has given us the Easter Bunny, Easter candy, Easter rabbits, Easter eggs, Easter dinner, and Easter bonnets. These however, are not the message of Easter.

What is the message of Easter? The answer to that question is found in our text. The message of Easter can be summed up in four words. These four words are imperatives. These four words are commands.

Notice:

1. COME (V. 6)

(Matthew 28:6) "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Keep in mind the background. Jesus was dead! He had been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by His disciples, denied by Peter, tried by the Sanhedran, condemned to die by Pilate, crucified at Calvary, buried in the tomb of Joseph. On Easter morning women came to the tomb, concerned that they would not be able to get in.

(Mark 16:3) "And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

But when they arrived they were in for the surprise of their lives! A great earthquake had taken place.

(Matthew 28:2) "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

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(Matthew 28:2-4) "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. {3} His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: {4} And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men."

When the women arrived they were told not to fear. The angel knew they were seeking Jesus.

(Matthew 28:5) "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified."

- A. The angle told the women to come.
- B. This was an invitation often given in scripture
 1. He used the ark built by Noah as a picture of coming to Him for the protection and salvation.
 2. He invited the children of Israel to come out of Egypt, (a picture of the world). Later He invited them to come into the promise land.

3. He gives great invitations to come.

(Isaiah 55:1-3) "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. {2} Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. {3} Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."

(Revelation 22:17) "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

4. Jesus made that same great invitation in Matt.

(Matthew 11:28-30) "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. {30} For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- a. Have you labored under a load of sin.

b. Have you been burdened with the awfulness of your sin?

c. Have you labored to get into Heaven, and are still not sure you're going to make it?

d. Have you been "heavy laden" with the load of trying to keep the Ten Commandments, or the precepts of a particular church?

Jesus Says Come! Come Unto Me

- We come to Him who has left the tomb
- We come to Him that is risen from the dead
- We come to Him who is living right now in Heaven
- We come to Him who is offering forgiveness and salvation to all who believe

(John 3:16) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

- We come to Him who offers peace and power to all who have believed on Him.

(John 14:27) "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

(John 15:1-7) "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. {2} Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. {3} Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. {4} Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. {5} I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. {6} If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. {7} If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

2. SEE (V 6)

(Matthew 28:6) "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

There is a difference between the words "look" and "see." When you look at something, you may not grasp what you're looking at. You may not comprehend or

understand. But when you truly “see” something you grasp, comprehend, or understand it.

A. I believe that the angel; wanted these women not just to look, but to “see” or grasp or understand, and comprehend that the tomb was empty and that Christ had risen from the dead.

B. I believe that God wants us to “see” that Christ is risen from the dead and is alive forever.

C. In seeing that God desires for all men to place their trust in His as their Saviour.

(Romans 10:9-10) "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. {10} For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

3. Go (v 7)

(Matthew 28:7) "And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you."

A. The women were told to go

B. Jesus did not intend for anyone to stare continually into the empty tomb.

C. After we come to the point of seeing the empty tomb and trusting Christ as Saviour, we are to go

1. We are to go and learn more about Him

(2 Peter 3:18) "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

2. We are to go to Him in prayer

(John 14:13-14) "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. {14} If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

3. We are to go with Jesus Christ, allowing Him to live through us.

(Galatians 2:20) "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

4. We are to go to church and fellowship with other believers.

(Hebrews 10:24-25) "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: {25} Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

5. We are to go to a lost and dying world

(Acts 1:8) "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

4. TELL (V 7)

(Matthew 28:7) "And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you."

A. The women were supposed to tell the disciples about the resurrection

B. As someone has said, "Christianity is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread."

Illustration:

There was a demon possessed man who was healed. He wanted to travel with Jesus. Notice what the Lord told him.

(Mark 5:15-19) "And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. {16} And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. {17} And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. {18} And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. {19} Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

C. It is our job to tell others what great things the Lord has done for us.

(Psalms 107:2) "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;"

(Matthew 28:19-20) "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: {20} Teaching them

to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

(Mark 16:15) "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

(1 Peter 3:15) "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"

Close:

The message of Easter can be summed up in 4 words.

- COME
- SEE
- GO
- TELL

Have you come to Jesus? Have you seen the empty tomb? Have you gone to the lost? Have you told what great things the Lord has done?

(Mark 5:19-20) "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them

how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. {20} And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel."