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# GIVING AN ANSWER – PART 19

*RESURRECTION: THE SEAL, THE GUARDS,  
THE EMPTY TOMB, THE GRAVE CLOTHES,  
THE WITNESSES*

*(MATT. 27:57–28:8; MARK 15:42–16:14;  
LUKE 23:50–24:43; JOHN 19:38–20:29)*

1 PETER 3:15

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## LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY




**Developing a base set of answers to  
common questions:**

**CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?**

**WHO WAS JESUS?**

**DID JESUS REALLY RISE FROM THE DEAD?**





# **The Resurrection of Jesus**

**Matt. 28:1–10**

**Mark 16:1–11**

**Luke 24:1–12**

**John 20:1–18**



# **The Burial**

## **Summary of the passages**

**Securing the Tomb**

**The Seal on the Tomb**

**The Guard at the Tomb**

**The Desertion of the Disciples**

**The Fact of the Empty Tomb**

**The Grave Clothes**

**Post-Resurrection Witnesses**



**Acts 1:3, “to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”**



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# Securing the Tomb















# **The Seal on the Tomb**



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*asphalizō***

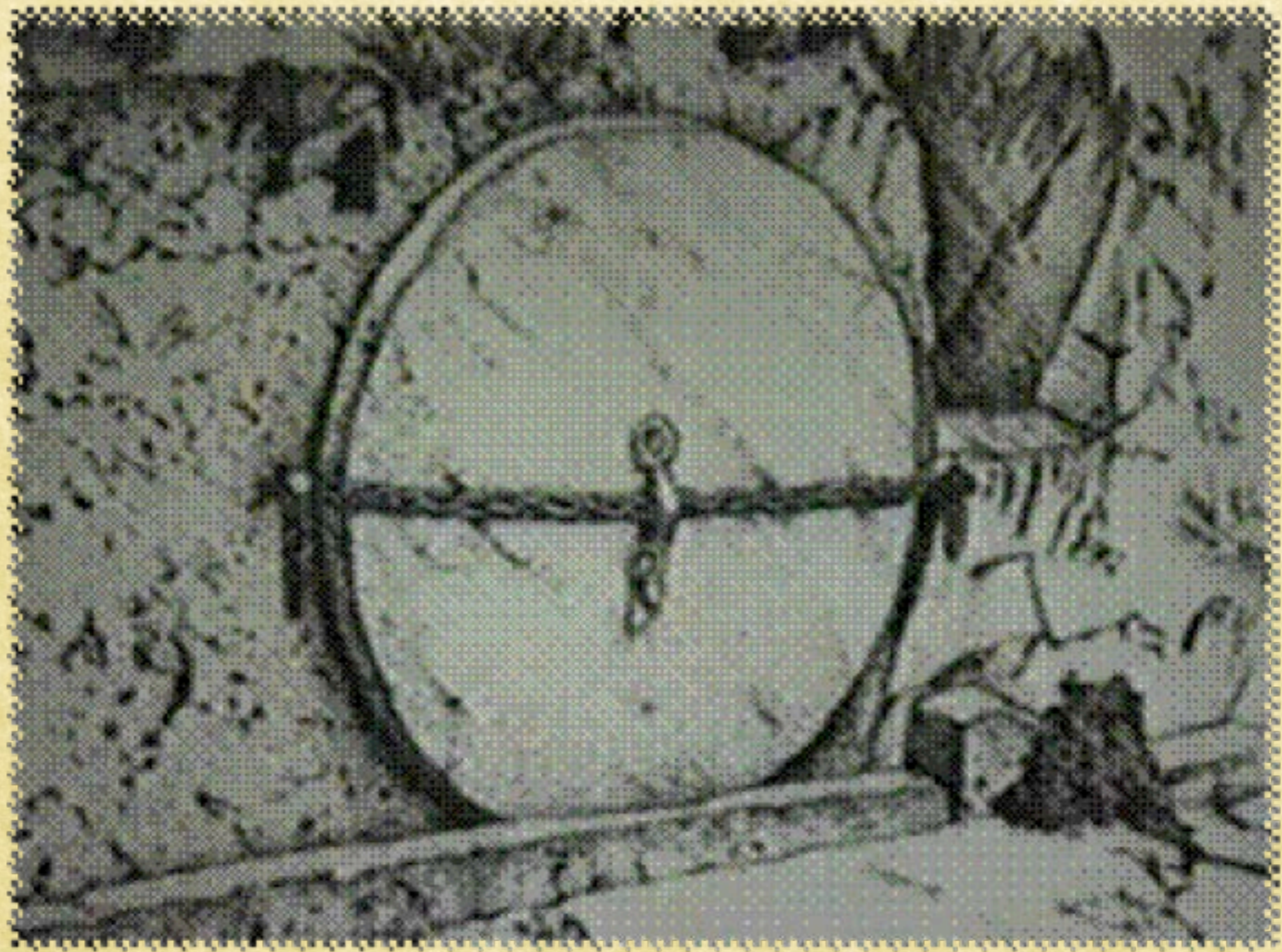
**aor mid imp 2 P in  
27:65; aor mid  
indic 3 plur in  
27:66 to make  
sure, to keep safe**

**σφραγίζω *sphragizō*  
aor act part masc plur  
nom**

**instrumental participle  
explains how they  
secured the tomb.**

**To seal**







# **The Guard at the Tomb**







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**Matt. 27:64, “[Pharisees requesting Pilate]  
Therefore command that the tomb be made  
secure until the third day”**

**κελεύω *keleuō***

**aor act impera 2 sing  
“to command, give  
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**κουστωδία *koustōdia* acc fem sing  
guard (of soldiers)**



**Matt. 28:11**, “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 happened.

**Matt. 28:12**, “When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

**Matt. 28:13**, “saying, ‘Tell them, “His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.’”

**Matt. 28:14**, “ ‘And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and make you secure.’ ”



# **The Desertion of the Disciples**



**Matt. 26:56, “ ‘But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.’ Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.”**

**Mark 14:50, “Then they all forsook Him and fled.”**



**On Friday, the disciples are controlled by fear and flight—afraid of being arrested and crucified with the Lord.**

**On Sunday and for the rest of their lives they are willing to die for Him.**

**What changed?**



# **The Fact of the Empty Tomb**



**Acts 1:21, “Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,**

**Acts 1:22, “beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”**



**Acts 2:23, “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;**

**Acts 2:24, “whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”**

**Acts 2:31, “he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.**

**Acts 2:32, “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.”**



**Acts 3:14, “But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,**

**Acts 3:15, “and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.”**

**Acts 3:26, “To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.”**



**Acts 4:10, “let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.”**



**Acts 5:30, “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.”**



**Acts 10:39, “And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.**

**Acts 10:40, “Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,**

**Acts 10:41, “not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.”**



**Acts 13:29, “Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.**

**Acts 13:30, “But God raised Him from the dead.**

**Acts 13:31, “He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.**

**Acts 13:32, “And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers.”**



**Acts 13:33, “God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’**

**Acts 13:34, “And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’**

**Acts 13:35, “Therefore He also says in another Psalm: ‘You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.’**

**Acts 13:36, “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;**

**Acts 13:37, “but He whom God raised up saw no corruption.”**



**Acts 17:18, “Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, ‘What does this babbler want to say?’ Others said, ‘He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods,’ because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.”**

**Acts 17:30, “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,**

**Acts 17:31, “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”**



**Acts 26:23, “that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”**



**Rom. 1:4, “and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”**

**Rom. 6:5, “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,”**



**1 Cor. 15:13, “But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.”**



**Phil. 3:10, “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,”**



**1 Thess. 4:14, “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.”**



**1 Pet. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”**

**1 Pet. 3:21, “There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,”**



# **The Grave Clothes**



**John 20:3, “Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb.**

**John 20:4, “So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.**

**John 20:5, “And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.”**



**John 20:6, “Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there,**

**John 20:7, “and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.**

**John 20:8, “Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.”**



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**ἐντυλίσω *entulisso* perf pass part neut sing acc to wrap up; rolled up, coiled up**



# **Post-Resurrection Witnesses**



# 1. To Mary Magdalene: Mark 16:9, John 20:14

**Mark 16:9, “Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.”**

**John 20:14, “Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.”**



## **2. To women returning from the tomb: Matthew 28:9, 10**

**Matt. 28:9, “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.**

**Matt. 28:10, “Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.’ ”**