

# Come and Go!

## Matthew 28

So what?

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Easter: we celebrate the actual resurrection of Jesus Christ

What \_\_\_\_\_ should that make in our lives?

### The Setting

**Friday: Jesus was...**

tried, then unjustly tortured and \_\_\_\_\_

abandoned by the Father because of our sin

buried in a new stone tomb, closed over by a large rock

Mary Magdalene & the other Mary watched the burial

**Saturday (Sabbath):**

Jewish religious leaders feared that the disciples might \_\_\_\_\_ the body and claim that Jesus was resurrected

So they got permission to post a guard and to seal the tomb ("as secure as you know how")

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**1-4: The angel opened the tomb and \_\_\_\_\_ the guards**

An angel from heaven very easily opened the tomb and neutralized the guards

Resulted in a great earthquake

Jesus was already alive and gone

Irony: the ones guarding the tomb of a dead man became like \_\_\_\_\_ men while the dead man \_\_\_\_\_

**5-7: The angel sent the women to \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples**

Effectual word: "Do not be afraid"

Women were fine while guards were like \_\_\_\_\_ men!

**Come and \_\_\_\_\_** the evidence of the resurrection

"Just as Jesus said": \_\_\_\_\_

A call to remember and trust God's Word

**Go and \_\_\_\_\_** the disciples

Women are honored as the first messengers of this humanity-altering news!

A call to tell others to trust God's Word

"So be it!"

**8-10: Jesus also sent the women to \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples**

As the women were obeying...

Fear mixed with great \_\_\_\_\_!

Jesus surprised the women

\_\_\_\_\_ encounters rather than global revelation

The women received the highest honor: the first people to experience Jesus' presence

We might expect Jesus to surprise others as well

The right response: \_\_\_\_\_!

Yet an amazing thing to worship a man who is God

"Don't be afraid. **Go and \_\_\_\_\_**"

"My brothers" are the ones who hadn't yet demonstrated any change or faith

**11-15: The guards \_\_\_\_\_ & the counsel devised a lie**

"Went and told": unlikely \_\_\_\_\_ of resurrection!

Irony: they were supposed to prevent the body from disappearing, yet they ended up testifying that it had

Intentional action against the truth

Compelling evidence of resurrection had no effect

Change of heart is very \_\_\_\_\_!

We should seek God's help! = \_\_\_\_\_

**16-20: Jesus gave the disciples a global \_\_\_\_\_**

They went where Jesus said = \_\_\_\_\_

Even for the first disciples, belief was not automatic

Seek God's help! = \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus' universal authority leads to global mission

Peoples of every tribe and nation

Jesus' main command: \_\_\_\_\_ all people

Includes starting the journey: \_\_\_\_\_

Includes the lifelong journey: obey every teaching of Jesus

With Jesus' presence the whole of every day

Keep doing it until He comes bodily again

## The Big Idea

**Because of Jesus' resurrection**

**God calls every person**

**to come and \_\_\_\_\_**

**AND**

**to go and \_\_\_\_\_**

**The functioning body of Christ involves coming and going**

\_\_\_\_\_ : gathering in Christ's presence

Be washed in confession

Be nourished by the Word & worship & fellowship in the Spirit

\_\_\_\_\_ : into our lives & all the world

Empowered by the Spirit

Giving the grace and love of Christ

If the rhythm stops, the body \_\_\_\_\_

If the rhythm slows, the body \_\_\_\_\_

## Application

**Come and \_\_\_\_\_ → the angel said "Come and see"**

Seek God who changed the world through death and resurrection

Because Jesus actually rose from the dead to bring us life, we can truly live forever

No trouble in this life, or in me can \_\_\_\_\_ us from the love of God in Christ

We have \_\_\_\_\_ in every circumstance, in every loss

Because death and evil and suffering no longer have the final word

"Because He lives, all fear is gone!"

Now \_\_\_\_\_ are called to come to see and worship! Even those who...

abandoned Jesus

doubted Him (or still have doubts)

are afraid

are weak

A "\_\_\_\_\_ Christian" is someone who knows they aren't good enough,

and who seeks Christ's love and forgiveness as a gift

Jesus' death pays the way for us to be welcomed by the Father

Then, having been saved, we are called to follow Christ

We seek God's help!

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ and coming...

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

Failing to come to Christ leaves us lost and with little to offer

The call to action is empty unless we are first transformed and \_\_\_\_\_ by the presence of God in worship

**Go and \_\_\_\_\_ → “Go and tell/make disciples” together**

Make disciples = make people more like \_\_\_\_\_

Joining the work of the Holy Spirit → seek God’s help!

Starting the journey (\_\_\_\_\_): Finding new life in Christ

Continuing the journey: Becoming more like Christ

Especially...learning to love sacrificially across differences

Among all peoples of all nations, both near and far

Together as we each bring different gifts to do different parts

The point is not to reform the world

Rather it is: to \_\_\_\_\_ to and to \_\_\_\_\_ the people of God who seek His ways in the world

## Conclusion

Will you come and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus?

Will you go and \_\_\_\_\_, asking God for help?

## Reflection Questions

1. How have you personally encountered Jesus?
2. What helps you to come and worship?
3. It takes all of the gifts and abilities of the body to join in the mission of Christ to make disciples of the peoples of every tribe and nation. What does it look like for you to join in this work?
4. What is an action you can take today or this week to encourage the people of God who are joining in this work?
5. What is an action you can take today or this week to do your part in this mission of Christ?
6. What is the relationship between the call to do good works in the world and to make disciples of all nations?