

ASCEND | Easter Sunday

Recall a time you received stunning news. What was the news, and how did you respond?

Today's stunning good news theme: ***King Jesus, resurrected! We live brighter now & we'll be resurrected someday!***

What do you find inspiring about this news? What questions, fears, or doubts get sparked in your heart and mind?

Read some backstory to Jesus' resurrection: ***Matthew 27:57-61***.

What do you find intriguing about these characters' responses to Jesus?

Read some more backstory: ***Matthew 27:62-66***.

What do you find intriguing about these characters' responses to Jesus?

Now read the Sunday morning part of the story: ***Matthew 28:1-10***.

What do you find intriguing about these characters' responses to the news of Jesus' resurrection?

Read a bit more to see additional responses: ***Matthew 28:11-15***.

Ponder these reasons why Jesus' body could not have been stolen:

1. Guards typically did not fall asleep. They could lose their job, their life even.
2. If they fell asleep, how did anyone know it was the disciples?
3. If someone woke up to see the theft in action, why no arrest? Never was!
4. The difficulty of grave-robbing was immense. Huge stone, the seal and noise.
5. It's hard to fathom the disciples doing this. Just hours prior, they're chickens!

Read and reflect on *Romans 10:9-10*.

Have you responded to Jesus like this? If so, remember, reflect, and give Christ great thanks!

If you have not yet declared, believed, and professed, do it now and tell someone about your response to King Jesus today.

Now rejoice and give Christ great thanks!

Get Ready for Next Week, start of our new series: *RIGHT*

Read ***Romans, chapter 1***, several times in 2 or 3 different translations.