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“In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 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. 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. 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 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. 8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. 10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. 11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. 12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, 13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. 14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. 15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day” (Matthew 28:1-15).

During His epic sermon on the mount, Jesus declared “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled” (Matthew 5:18). Once God releases a word, there is nothing that can stop it from becoming a reality (Isaiah 55:10-11). Therefore, our attitude towards divine prophecy should be that of absolute faith. We find this unfolding in this scripture on the resurrection of Jesus, at the specified time, and against all odds. Whatever God promised you will come to pass despite the odds against it. Observe the following salient points in this story:

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

- 1) Immediately the Sabbath was over, the women came to the tomb (vs 1), not because they were expecting a resurrection, but rather to embalm the body of Christ. The salient point here is that God will honour His word, even when He is not believed. He will fulfil His prophecies even when the subjects do not expect it.
- 2) The resurrection was accompanied by an earthquake and an angel who rolled away the stone and sat on it (vs 2-3).
- 3) His appearance terrified the soldiers who “became as dead men” (vs 4); However, to the women, the angel were gentle and told them “Fear not...” (vs 5). The Bible describes Jesus both as a lamb and lion. It is your choice on how He manifest Himself to you!
- 4) The women became the first witnesses of the risen Christ, and first evangelists commissioned both by the angel and Jesus to declare His resurrection (vs 6-10).
- 5) The terrified soldiers went into the city to the chief priests what they had witnessed (vs 11).
- 6) Despite the indisputable facts and irrefutable evidences the chief priests and elders chose to cover up the truth with lies and bribery (vs 12-15). Some people would rather die in hypocrisy rather than honestly face the facts and repent.
- 7) Despite the spread of the lies, the truth of the resurrection prevailed till today.
- 8) Neither Caesar's seal, vigilance of the roman soldiers nor unbelief of the people could prevent Jesus from resurrecting in line with His prophecy. Once resurrected, the enemies and unbelievers, could not stop or hinder Him in any respect. Believe in God and in His word. Your future is a bright as His promises.