

Matthew 28:11-20 Disciple the Nations

The sins of the world made it impossible for there to be righteous fellowship between YeHoVaH and His creation. Redemption was about much more than simply saving man from his sins. Mankind had lost its way with no hope and no way to return to YeHoVaH in righteousness and fellowship with the Creator.

YeHoVaH's plan to redeem man and His creation, providing a pathway back to Him, had been put in play after the fall of man in the Garden and materialized at the cross with Yeshua's sacrifice for the sins of the world.

In the final Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, all seemed to be lost as Yeshua's disciples, who had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel, returned to normal life in despair and unbelief of what Yeshua had taught them about what would happen three days after His death.

Yeshua's resurrected Life was committed to empowering His disciples on how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven as a man on earth, how to please YeHoVaH through obedience to His Commands, how to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, and how to make disciples of the nations as He had disciplined them.

Mt 28:11 **Now when they were going**, behold, **some of the watch** came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

Going where?

In the previous verses Matthew wrote:

Mt 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Yeshua, which was crucified.

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

Mt 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.

Mt 28:8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Mt 28:9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Yeshua met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Mt 28:10 Then said Yeshua unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

The first time they saw Yeshua was NOT in Galilee, but in Jerusalem.

Luke captured this event.

Lk 24:1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

Lk 24:2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

Lk 24:3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Yeshua.

Lk 24:4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

Lk 24:5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

Lk 24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Lk 24:7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

Lk 24:8 And they remembered his words,

Lk 24:9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

Lk 24:10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

Later that day as two disciples, one named Cleophas, were on their way to Emmaus, they referenced what the women had said earlier that morning to them.

Lk 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

Lk 24:14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

Lk 24:15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Yeshua himself drew near, and went with them.

Lk 24:16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

Lk 24:17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

Lk 24:18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

Lk 24:19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Yeshua of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

Lk 24:20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

Lk 24:21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Lk 24:22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

Lk 24:23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

Lk 24:24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

Lk 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

Later that same day, as they returned to Jerusalem, Yeshua appeared to them.

Lk 24:30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

Lk 24:31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

Lk 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? Lk 24:33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

Lk 24:34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Lk 24:35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

Lk 24:36 And as they thus spake, Yeshua himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

Lk 24:37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

Mt 28:11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

Only Matthew tells of the posting of the guard:

Mt 27:62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

Mt 27:63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

Mt 27:64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

Mt 27:65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

Mt 27:66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Watch – 2892 κουστωδία koustodia {koos-to-dee'-ah}

Meaning: 1) guard: used of Roman soldiers guarding the sepulchre of Messiah

Origin: of Latin origin;; n f

Usage: AV - watch 3; 3

Misc: A Roman guard was made up of four to sixteen soldiers. In combat, they would form a square, and were able to hold off a much larger force.

Matthew later follows up by telling of their bribe from the elders to report that Yeshua's disciples came by night and stole His body.

Mt 28:12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

Mt 28:13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

Mt 28:14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

Mt 28:15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

Mt 28:11 **Now when they were going**, behold, **some of the watch** came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

The verse, because of the context it is in, leads us to believe that as the women were going to tell the disciples what they had been instructed, some of the watch were going into the city.

However, the women never mentioned the guards/watch.

Mt 28:4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

Mt 28:5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Yeshua, who was crucified.

Mt 28:6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

The women did not mention seeing the fainted guards at the tomb.

The watch consisted of 4 – 16 Roman soldiers.

Mt 28:11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

The question we must ask and try to answer is this...

Verse eleven states **“Now when they were going”**.

Does the verse imply they were going to tell the disciples while the guards went into the city?
OR, when they were going to the tomb, the guards went into the city?

Peter and the other disciple did not go to Galilee, they went to the tomb after they had been informed by the women. Afterwards, Yeshua appeared to the women according to John.

Jn 20:1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Jn 20:2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Yeshua loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

Jn 20:3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

Jn 20:10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

Jn 20:11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

Jn 20:17 Yeshua saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Jn 20:18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Mt 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Yeshua had appointed them.

Yeshua did not ascend from the mountains of the Galilee; Yeshua ascended from the mountains of Olivet beyond Bethany.

Luke 24:50 - And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

Acts 1:12 - Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Mt 28:17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

At this point after the resurrection, there was still doubt amongst the believers. Yeshua rebuked them for doubting the things He had taught them.

It is for this reason that Yeshua spent forty days after His resurrection with many convincing proofs that He had resurrected.

Ac 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Yeshua began both to do and teach,

Ac 1:3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:
Ac 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

John captures three of those visitations:

Sunday evening after His Sabbath resurrection

Jn 20:18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Jn 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Yeshua and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

Eight days later

Jn 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Yeshua, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

Sometime later

Jn 21:1 After these things Yeshua showed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise showed he himself.

Paul informs us that Yeshua appeared to many of His disciples after His resurrection.

1Co 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Messiah died for our sins according to the scriptures;

1Co 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1Co 15:5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

1Co 15:6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

1Co 15:7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

Mt 28:18 And Yeshua came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

Mt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

For centuries, men have argued if this statement was a formula for baptism.

Should we baptize in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost or in the Name of Yeshua?

The context of Matthew 28:18 – 20 is focused on teaching the nations.

The Greek word for name in this passage:

Name – 3686 ὄνομα onoma {on'-om-ah}

Meaning: 1) name: univ. of proper names 2) the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning,

hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc. 3) persons reckoned up by name
Usage: AV - name 194, named 28, called 4, surname + 2007 2, named + 2564 1, not tr 1; 230

Immerse the nations in the Name YeHoVaH.

Immerse the nations in Yeshua.

Immerse the nations in the Holy Spirit.

Mt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Teach the nations to observe everything I have taught and commanded about Father.

Teach the nations to observe everything I have taught and commanded about Me.

Teach the nations to observe everything I have taught and commanded about the Holy Spirit.

- Yeshua's death on the cross did so much more than pay the price for the sins of men.
- Yeshua demonstrated how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven as a man on earth.
- Yeshua demonstrated how to please YeHoVaH through obedience to His Commands.
- Yeshua demonstrated how to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Yeshua's death demonstrated how to defeat the devil by dying to self-will.
- Yeshua demonstrated that the ultimate success of fulfilling Father's Will in our lives could only be achieved by the cross.
- In His Resurrection, Yeshua showed us that death has no power over them who commit their lives to Him.
- Yeshua's resurrected Life was committed to empowering His disciples and being with them always, even unto the end of the world.