

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 28 **(June 10, 2026)**

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. How does the presence of both fear and great joy in the women's response to the resurrection challenge our understanding of what it means to experience God's power in our lives?
2. Why do you think God chose women, who were not considered reliable witnesses in that culture, to be the first to encounter the risen Christ and proclaim the resurrection?
3. The religious leaders heard the truth about the resurrection but chose to suppress it with lies and bribery. What modern examples can you think of where people actively resist truth they find inconvenient or threatening?
4. Jesus told His disciples multiple times that He would rise on the third day, yet they still seemed surprised. What does this reveal about our own tendency to doubt God's promises even when He has clearly spoken them?
5. The sermon emphasizes that the stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out, but to let witnesses in. How does this perspective change the way we understand God's desire to reveal Himself to us?
6. What does it mean practically for us today that Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth, and how should this truth shape our daily decisions and priorities?
7. The Great Commission calls us not just to evangelize but to make disciples by teaching and walking alongside new believers. How well is the modern church fulfilling this complete mandate versus just focusing on initial conversions?
8. Some of the disciples doubted even when they saw the resurrected Jesus, possibly because He looked different after His suffering. How do our preconceived expectations of what God should look like sometimes prevent us from recognizing His work in our lives?
9. The religious leaders were so invested in their own agenda that they rejected overwhelming evidence of the resurrection. What are some ways we might be guilty of rejecting God's truth because it conflicts with our own plans or beliefs?
10. Jesus promises to be with us always, to the end of the age, as we carry out the Great Commission. How does this promise of His presence equip and embolden you to share your faith and disciple others?