

# Treasure Hunt

- How is ch. 28 organized differently from earlier contrasts between the Lord's friends and his enemies, and why?
- How does the angel's behavior after opening the tomb continue the fulfillment of Psalm 2?
- What general principle do we see in the relation between the meeting with the angel and the meeting with the Lord?
- How might the order of these appearances be significant?
- Why do the Scriptures command us both to fear the Lord and to "fear not"?
- Both the angel and the Lord promise a meeting in Galilee, but the other gospels say that the Lord appeared to the disciples around Jerusalem. Is this a contradiction?
- Why does the Lord choose Galilee for the meeting?
- What principle is reflected in the promise that if they go Galilee, they will see the Lord?

# Contrasting Parties in Matt 26-28

	The Lord's Friends	Transition	The Lord's Enemies
Purpose: Jesus' Death	26:1-2 Fourth Announcement		26:3-5 Planning in the Palace
Preparation for Death	26:6-13 Anointing in Bethany		26:14-16 Contract with <b>Judas</b>
The Lord is betrayed /delivered	26:17-46 Jesus with the Disciples: Last Supper ( <b>Judas</b> ), Gethesemene ( <b>Peter</b> )		
		26:47-56 from the Disciples to the Jews ( <b>Judas</b> )	
			26:57-27:56 <b>Jesus</b> with the Jews: Trials ( <b>Peter, Judas</b> ), Crucifixion ( <b>women</b> )
Preparation for Burial	27:57-61 Joseph of Arimathea		27:62-66 Sealing the Tomb
Responses to the Resurrection	<b>28:1-10, 16-20</b> Spread the gospel		<b>28:11-15</b> Deny the Resurrection

# Continuing Psalm 2

Ps 2	Matt 27-28
2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, <i>saying</i> ,	27:62 the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, ... 65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make <i>it</i> as sure as ye can.
3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.	27:66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.
4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.	28:2 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.

# Parallel Statements by the Angel and the Lord

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Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

# Fear of God

## Fear of **God's Judgment** commanded:

Jos. 24:14 Now therefore **fear the Lord**, and **serve him** in sincerity and truth (cf. 1 Sam 12:24)

Act 9:31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and **walking** in the **fear of the Lord**, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Ecc 12:13 **Fear God**, and **keep his commandments**: for this is the whole *duty* of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

## Fear of **worldly threats** forbidden:

Gen 21:17 And God heard the **voice of the lad**; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? **fear not**; **for** God hath heard the voice of the lad...

Gen 46:2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. 3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: **fear not to go down into Egypt**; **for** I will there make of thee a great nation:

Mat 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, **fear not to take unto thee Mary** thy wife: **for** that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

## Fear of **God's presence**:

- Natural reaction

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?  
10 And he said, **I heard thy voice in the garden**, and **I was afraid, because I was naked**; and I hid myself.

Isa 6:5 Then said I, **Woe** is me! for I am undone; because **I am a man of unclean lips**, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: **for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.**

- Waived for God's people

Jdg 6:22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! **for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.**  
23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; **fear not**: thou shalt not die.

Dan 10:18 Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, 19 And said, O man greatly beloved, **fear not**: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong.

# Commands to Go and Tell

## Disciples (28:7) vs. Brethren (28:10)

Mat 12:48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are **my brethren**? 49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and **my brethren**! 50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is **my brother**, and sister, and mother.

Mat 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these **my brethren**, ye have done *it* unto me.

1Co 15:5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred **brethren** at once;

## Why Galilee?

Mat 4:13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: 14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, **Galilee of the Gentiles***; 16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

## There shall ye see him...

Jer 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when **ye shall search for me** with all your heart.

Psa 145:18 The LORD is nigh **unto all them that call upon him**, to all that call upon him in truth.

# 28:7 Lo, I have told you...

Mat 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 **Behold, I have told you before.**

Amo 6:11 For, **behold, the LORD commandeth,** and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

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Amo 9:9 For, **lo, I will command,** and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

Eze 36:6 Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Behold, I have spoken** in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen: