**Matthew 28, The Resurrection of Jesus & Great Commission**

1. **The first witnesses of the resurrection (verses 1-15)**
   1. Events surrounding the resurrection
      1. A great earthquake
      2. Stone rolled away
      3. An angel of the Lord is present
      4. The guards became like dead men
   2. The angel spoke to the women.
      1. “Do not be afraid”
      2. Jesus who was crucified, has risen
      3. Come and see for yourself
      4. Go and tell the good news
   3. Jesus meets them on the way
   4. The guards report all that happened
      1. The elders bribe the guards to lie
      2. They assured them that they would protect them from Pilate.
      3. The guards took the money and did as they were instructed.
2. **The Great Commission (verses 16-20)**
   1. Jesus meets the 11 disciples in Galilee
      1. They met at a specific place
      2. They worshipped Him
      3. Yet some doubted
   2. Jesus assures them that He has “all authority” in heaven and on earth
   3. The commission to His disciples “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age. ”Amen.”