

“A Crisis: Christ is Risen!”

Text – Matthew 28:11-15

Topic – Eyewitness Account of the Tomb Guards

Series – Perspectives on Christ’s Resurrection

- A. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ are assured by unassailable proofs.
- B. Foes of Christianity have attacked the evidences of Christ's death in an attempt to deny His resurrection.
- C. Eyewitness accounts of Jesus Christ’s resurrection
 - 1. Perspective of women who were eyewitnesses of Christ’s resurrection (Mt. 28:1-10; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1-2)
 - 2. Perspective of soldiers guarding the tomb (Mt. 28:11-15)

I. **Dilemma - Christ’s body was missing (Mt. 28:11-12a).**

Two Stages of the Report

- A. The soldiers’ private report to the “chief priests” (28:11)
- B. The soldier’s public report to the Sanhedrin (28:12a)

II. **Damage Control (Matthew 28:12b-15)**

- A. The problem - how to stifle and discredit the reports of Christ’s resurrection from the dead (Mt. 28:12b)
- B. The plot (Mt. 28:13)
- C. The promise (Mt. 28:14)
- D. The payment - “so they took the money” (Mt. 28:15)