

HANDOUT. Easter 2022 Matt 28:1-17 **From Unbelief to Belief**

Webster: **astonished** is defined as a :

"a profound, even sudden emotional experience, to the point of being beside oneself"

MAIN POINT: Our response to the resurrection shapes our worship of the risen Christ.

POINT 1 The Women

Matt 28:1-10

24:6-8 (read, on screen). "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here but has risen.

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they **remembered** his **words**."

So the journey of the women: **fear** → **remembering God** → **worship!**

POINT 2 The Guards

Matt 28:11-15

v11b: "they told **ALL** that had taken place."

So the journey of the guards: **fearing** → **fleeing** → **denial**.

Point 3 The Disciples

MT 28:17 some doubted

So the journey of the disciples: **unbelief** → **examination** → **belief**

Resources

1. CS Lewis *Mere Christianity*.
2. Lee Strobel – *The Case for Easter*
3. Rosaria Butterfield – *My Train Wreck Conversion* (YouTube)
4. Simon Greenleaf- *The Testimony of the Evangelists*
5. Gary Habermas and Anthony Flew - *Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?*
6. Frank Morrison - *Who Moved the Stone*