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“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.’”
Matt. 28:5,6a

I. The Definitions of “fear”

A. The original languages

1. Hebrew – yirah = Lit. “to flow from the stomach” = to flee in terror

Appears over 400 times in the Old Testament

2. Greek

- a. *Phobos* = dread that leads to flight

- b. *Deilia* = a feeling of cowardice based on fearfulness

B. The fear confusion!

1. Over 145 times the bible tells us not fear/be anxious

(Isa. 43:1, Duet. 31:8, Psa. 23:4, Matt. 10:28)

2. It also tells us to “Fear the Lord” (Ps. 89:7; Duet. 10:12,13; Prov. 8:13)

3. There is a good fear – we call it reverence for God

C. Secular fear vs. Spiritual fear

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II. The Difference that Changes Everything (Matt. 28:1 – 10)

A. The day everything changed (“The first day of the week”) (vs. 1)

B. The angel appears (vs. 2,3)

1. Violent earthquake

2. Came down from heaven

3. Rolled back the stone

4. Appearance like lightening

C. Soldiers afraid (*phobos*) become like dead men (vs. 4)

D. Message to the Mary’s (vs. 5)

1. Do not be afraid! = Put away any secular fear (vs. 5a)

2. The crucified Jesus (who was buried here) He is not here; He is risen! (vs. 6)

3. Go quickly with this message (vs. 7)

III. The Demonstration of the Fearless life (vs. 8 – 10)

A. Women left in good fear and great joy

B. Met Jesus who said “Don’t be afraid” – put away any secular fear

C. Women “clasped his feet” and “worshiped him” – fearless love, fearless worship

D. “Tell my brothers ... they will see me” – fearless messengers