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“There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.” Matthew 28:2

I. The Sound of Victory! (John 19:30)

- A. “It is finished” = ONE word = Gk *tetelestai*!
1. Bringing something to its end = completion
 2. the “perfect tense” = results accomplished (now) and continuing (future)
 3. Done away with to never be brought up again!
- B. What Christ came to do and how the cross finished the work!
1. Christ came to seek and save the lost – Luke 19:10
The cross is the salvation of the world – Rom. 5:9 = It is finished!
 2. Christ came to fulfill the Old Testament Prophecies - John 19:28
Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies - Matt. 5:17,18; Lk. 18:31 = It is finished!
 3. Christ came to preach the truth – John 18:37
Jesus is the measure of truth – John 14:6 = It is finished!
 4. Christ came to begin the Christian church - Matt. 4:19
The cross is the message that propelled the church – Acts 1:8 = It is finished!

II. The Shaking of Three Earthquakes!

- A. The Gospel has three parts – The death, resurrection, and return of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15)
- B. Each of these parts of the gospel has a powerful earthquake!
1. The third “sign” at the crucifixion of Christ was a powerful earthquake (Matt. 27:51 – 53)
 2. The earthquakes at the resurrection (Matt. 28:1 – 7)
 3. The last earthquake is at Jesus’ second coming (Zech. 14:4,5)
- C. It is finished (cross) ... It is confirmed (resurrection) ... It will be finalized (return)!

III. The Shining of The Son

- A. The seven last words of Jesus show us the cost of resurrection
- B. How can you know that Jesus is the Messiah?– The resurrection confirms it!
- C. How do you know that Jesus will return again? – The resurrection confirms it!
- D. What do we have to do to be ready when Jesus comes?
1. Admit that we are a sinner in need of a savior (Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 5:8)
 2. Believe that Jesus is the Messiah and the Lord personally (Rom. 10:9,10)
 3. Call out to Christ by faith! (Rom. 10:13)