



THE MESSENGER

MARCH 31, 2024

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

March 31, 4 PM

Our Next Gospel Meeting

June 2-7

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1:15 on Zoom

Times of Service

Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 2:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

First Friday of Month

Singing

April 5

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“THE GUARDS TREMBLED”

“Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.” (Matthew 28:1-4)

What must it have been like to have been a guard at Jesus’ tomb that morning? You would have been assigned to the post specifically to ensure his body remained in that tomb. The chief priests and Pharisees had asked Pilate to station you there. Pilate’s response provided your mandate. *“You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.”* So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard. (Matthew 27:65-66) As a trained Roman soldier you know your duty and can perform it very effectively.

Adding further incentive to ensuring Jesus’ body remained in the tomb is the punishment you can expect if you fail in your task. Rome is not tolerant for guards who fail in their task. Herod had all the guards assigned to Peter executed after an angel released him from prison. (Acts 12:6-19) When the jailor in Philippi thought the prisoners under his charge had escaped, he was prepared to fall on his own sword. (Acts 16:27-28) When the ship transporting

Members Needing Our Prayers

Ralph Fox, Jill Harrison, Joyce Bolton, Rick Small, Benny and Arlena Poynter, Janett Brundige, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Charles Patton, Jenny Thomas, Maurice Baker, Jeff Padgett, John Thompson, Georgia Patton, Glenda Miller, Alyse Nash, Patty Hill, Janice Parsons, Mark Nickles, Paul and Marrian Lyda

To Our Guests

Interested in a Bible study? Either let one of us know or mark it on your visitor card.

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The second Sunday service will be at 2:30 PM throughout this month. Please note the change and plan accordingly.

prisoners to Rome wrecked, the soldiers intended to kill all the prisoners lest any of them escape. (Acts 27:39-44) Simply put, failing your task in this area is likely a death sentence.

Well trained, armed, and incentivized, you don't believe anything is going to get past you. Then the earth begins to quake as a figure seemingly made out of lightning descends and simply moves the massive stone aside as if it were nothing. You had scoffed at the idea of someone rising from the dead but cannot deny what is happening right before your eyes. You have never felt so utterly powerless. You cannot fight this being or the one he serves. You are witnessing the power of God and can only tremble before it. You had always thought that Rome and what it represented was the greatest power. Now you realize how wrong you were. This is the power of God and no one can stand before it. "The guards trembled." How could they, or anyone, have done otherwise? Adam Litmer

Elders	Deacons	Evangelist
Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
Adam Litmer	Marcus Lake	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	James Weatherholt	

