

## Attempting The Impossible

Read: Matthew 27:62-28:8

God raised up [Jesus], having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. —Acts 2:24

It was the day after Jesus was crucified. His body lay in a tomb. But the chief priests and Pharisees who had engineered His crucifixion had the uneasy feeling that this might not be the end of the Jesus story. So they went to Pilate and told him that Jesus' disciples might steal His body to try to convince the people that He had fulfilled His prediction to rise from the grave. Pilate responded, "You have a guard; go your way, make [the tomb] as secure as you know how" (Matthew 27:65).

A guard was posted and the tomb was secured with an official Roman seal (v.66). The religious and political leaders did their very best to make sure that the body of Jesus remained in the tomb, but they were attempting the impossible. Death could not hold the sinless Son of God in its grasp, and on the third day He rose just as He said He would (20:19; 27:63; 28:1-8).

After the resurrection, the chief priests bribed the soldiers and told them to spread a ridiculous story about the disciples stealing the body (28:11-14). Still today skeptics offer one fanciful theory after another, attempting to disprove the resurrection of Jesus. In spite of their efforts to cast doubt on the historical record, the truth is that Jesus came out of the tomb.

We serve a living Savior!

—Herb Vander Lugt

## 挑战不可能

读经: 马太福音 27 章 62 节-28 章 8 节

金句: 「上帝将死的痛苦解释了, 叫耶稣复活, 因为他原不能被死拘禁。」 (使徒行传 2 章 24 节)

在耶稣被钉十字架的第二天, 他的身体被放置在墓里。然而, 整件事情的主导者祭司长和法利赛人都心感不安, 预感耶稣的故事也许不会就此结束。于是他们告诉彼拉多, 耶稣的门徒可能会偷走耶稣的身体, 让人相信他从死里复活的预言应验了。彼拉多回答: 「你们有看守的兵, 去吧! 尽你们所能的把守妥当。」 (马太福音 27 章 65 节)

他们安排了守兵, 封了石头, 将坟墓把守妥当 (66 节)。宗教和政治领袖设法确保耶稣的身体留在墓中, 但他们是在向无所不能的上帝挑战。死不能拘禁上帝圣洁无罪的儿子。就在第三天, 耶稣照他所预言的那样, 从死里复活 (20 章 19 节; 27 章 63 节; 28 章 1-8 节)。

在复活之后, 祭司长贿赂士兵, 要他们散播谣言, 宣称耶稣的身体是被门徒偷走的 (28 章 11-14 节)。直至今日, 仍有质疑者提出许多空想的理论, 一再试图反驳耶稣复活一事。尽管他们倾尽全力质疑此项历史的真实性, 不过耶稣从墓里复活却始终是不争的事实。

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