

# THE HOPE OF THE WORLD



**MATTHEW 27:50-28:11**

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- **How does this passage confirm the promise of John 10:17-18?**
- **How did God clearly announce the sufficient sacrifice of Jesus?**

## **II. Loving women who needed hope, witnessed His death and burial (**Matthew 27:55-61**).**



- **How painful would this have been for those who loved Jesus so deeply?**
  
- **How does this account add weight to their testimony of the resurrection?**

### **III. Frightened guards provide witness to the resurrection (27:62-66; 28:2-4, 11-15).**



- **What would it take to make experienced soldiers act like dead men?**
- **What obvious holes can you see in the published story by the guards?**
- **How do these events unwillingly add weight to the truthfulness of the resurrection?**

## **IV. Loving women provide reliable witness to the resurrection (28:1, 5-8, 11).**



- **What had the women been discussing on their journey to the tomb? (Mark 16:1-4)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **How does it help us to know that the women were 'afraid, yet filled with joy?'**

**V. The only lasting hope for the world was announced by our risen Lord (Matthew 28:8-10).**



- **What can we learn from the first worshippers of the risen Lord?**
- **How does our worship need to imitate theirs?**
- **What assignment does Jesus give to His first worshippers?**

**Call to Action: To realize and then share the only real hope for the world.**



- **Do you see the temple curtain torn for you?**
- **Are you filled with anguish at His burial?**
- **How do the frightened guards bolster your faith?**
- **Are you still able to be amazed and surprised by the opened tomb?**
- **How strong is your devotion and your worship of the risen Lord?**
- **How eagerly do you share the news?**

**-How can we help?**