Digging Deeper by Robert Lee Sermon Series: *Don't Call It A Comeback* Sermon Title: *Jesus Conquers Death* Scripture Lesson: *Matthew 28:1-20*

Monday – Read Matthew 28:1-4 and pray for a <u>Spiritual Awakening</u>. We learned in last week's lesson that Maryam (or Mariam) of Magdala and Maryam, the mother of Yeshua (Jesus) sat opposite the tomb when Joseph, a talmidim (disciple of Yeshua) took Yeshua's body, wrapped it in clean linen cloth, placed it in his new tomb and rolled a big stone in front of the entrance of the tomb (Matt. 27:59-60). In Matt. 28:1, Maryam of Magdala and the other Maryam waited till dawn of the first day of the week to look at the tomb, in observance of the Shabbat (Sabbath). Two violent earthquakes occurred within three days. The first was at the moment of Yeshua's death (Matt. 27:51), and the second happened when the angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled back the stone and sat on it (Matt. 28:2).

Tuesday – Read Matthew 28:5-7 and pray for <u>Spiritual Direction</u>. The angel told the women about the miracle that happened (verse 7) and instructed them to "go quickly and tell his disciples." The Risen Yeshua was on his way to Galilee and the women met him along the way. Galilee is the place where Yeshua felt at home, where he grew up, and where he performed many miracles (e.g. fed the masses with a few loaves and fish and gave his Sermon on the Mount). Genesis 3:15 presents the "Preaching of the Messiah in the Garden of Eden." Elohim (God) promised then that the "seed of the serpent would hate and destroy the seed of the woman" (who was Yeshua the Christ). "But in that very act, Evil condemned itself." Yeshua rose triumphant from the grave, having paid the blood atonement for the sin of the world and he conquered death – forever. Thus, prophecy was fulfilled as the Seed of the woman crushed the head of the serpent."

Wednesday – Read Matthew 28:8-10 and pray for <u>Spiritual Expediency</u>. The women hurried away, afraid but filled with joy, after receiving instruction from the angel. Along the way, they met Yeshua who commanded them to "go (quickly) and tell my brothers to go to Galilee" where they will be able to see him.

Thursday – Read Matthew 28:11-15 and pray for <u>Spiritual Courage to Tell the Truth</u>. While the women were on their way to do as Yeshua commanded, some of the guards of the tomb went to the city to report truth to the chief priests. But the chief priests met with the elders to develop a plan to conceal the truth. These religious leaders gave the soldiers the lie that they wanted them to tell then sweetened the deal by giving them a large sum of money. The soldiers took the bribe and spread the lie about Yeshua's resurrection that has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

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Friday – Read Matthew 28:16-17 and pray for <u>Spiritual Faith</u>. The disciples went to Galilee to the mountain where Yeshua had instructed the women to tell them to go. But when they saw Yeshua, some worshipped him and some doubted.

Saturday – Read Matthew 28:18-20 and pray for <u>Spiritual Obedience</u>. After Elohim gave Yeshua all authority in heaven and on earth, he instructed the talmidim to "go and make talmidim of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Yeshua reassured his talmidim that He will be with them always, even to the very end of age, confirming that he is the true Immanuel, "God with us" (Matt. 1:23; Heb. 13:5; and Rev. 21:3).