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In the twenty-eighth chapter of the gospel according to Matthew, there are three different styles in the witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus.

THE WITNESSES OF THE TWO MARYS

Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, came as it began to dawn on the first day of the week to see the tomb. There was a great earthquake; an angel of the Lord appeared, rolled away the stone, and sat on it, and the guard of Roman soldiers quaked and fell down like dead men. Even though the angels lightning like appearance scared the two Marys, the angel assured them that all was well, and gave them a method of witnessing to the resurrection. He said, "Jesus has arisen from the dead, and go quickly and tell His disciples He is risen from the dead, and lo, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him: Lo, I have told you." Then the women ran with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. Ran is the verb that describes the action the women took in telling the story of the resurrection to the disciples. What verb best describes the action of evangelism today? Is it run? No! Is it trot? No! Is it hop, skip, or jump! No! Is it crawl? Many times, Yes!

That angelic method to witness needs to be used by the Church today. The Church, itself needs to hear again the death, burial, resurrection, and the scriptural response to the gospel as Paul illustrates in Romans six when we are buried with Jesus at our immersion into Him, and then we who were once dead in trespasses and sins were raised to walk in newness of life. Later on in the chapter Jesus repeated this commission, and said the meeting in Galilee was appointed. The Apostles had an appointment, and they kept the appointment. In the Angelic witness we are reminded that Jesus has also made appointments for us as His disciples. One of the appointments Jesus has made for us is in the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day as taught in Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week we were gathered together to break bread."

Another appointment that the Lord has made with us as Christians as well as everyone else is in Acts 17. Paul told the Athenians that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained by the resurrection from the dead. That is an appointment that everyone will keep. This

appointment is underscored again in Hebrews chapter 9, "It is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment." The angelic commission also included the statement that Jesus went before them to Galilee. When they arrived on the scene, He was already there, waiting for them. He always goes before us. He has already gone before us into heaven as the first born of them that sleep, and He will be there, waiting for us. He has gone before us in temptation. He was tempted in all points like as we are and yet without sin. He goes before us in prayer. Jesus Himself said in the Sermon on the Mount: He knows what things we have need of before we ask Him. Always He goes before us. Remember the Angelic witness was to do it now there is no time to wait.

THE WITNESS OF SATAN

The guards were a little nervous, they might be held responsible, so some of them went into the city and told unto the chief priests all the things that were come to pass. The chief priests offered them money and said tell everyone the disciples came and stole Him away while we slept. In the event the governor hears about this we will persuade him and rid you of care. So the Satanic witness was stone wall the story, don't tell any one Jesus is alive. So they took the money and did as they were taught and that is the Satanic witness - stonewall the story of the resurrection of Jesus, and take the money.

When they wanted to crucify Jesus they found out the best way was through money. They paid thirty pieces of silver. That was the price they paid for His blood. Now that Jesus is alive, the best way to kill the story of the resurrection was money. However, this time they had to up the ante, it took considerably more money. Now it was not just one to be paid off, but all the members of the guard that got in on the deal. They gave them much money. But then when the guards were a little doubtful, the chief priest assured them they had insurance. We will persuade the Governor and rid you of charge. Now the Governor would surely want a bigger price than paid to the guards. In either case, they found out that trying to get rid of the resurrection story was the most expensive thing they would ever do. The harder they tried the more expensive it got. Instead of paying off one man they had to pay off Pilate and every member of the Roman guard. Actually, their loss cannot be measured in dollars and cents. If they did not repent, it would cost them their souls. Jesus Himself warned about this. What shall a man be profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? So they took the money. That statement: "So they took the money, and did as they were taught," has far reaching consequences even today. An elder of a church told me of a preacher being interview by the pulpit committee when asked how he preached the various doctrines? He said the preacher said, "How do you want it preached?" He was willing to take the money. Take the money doctrine is determined by what the people want to hear. Don't tell anybody. One time there was a man in our town who was an avowed atheist, and the only time he came to services was during a revival. He would stand out side after services, and argue with anyone who would listen, saying there is no God. The years passed and one day he got sick and died. For his funeral the family called a preacher who had been there about fifteen years before my arrival. During the funeral service the preacher told how this man many years before had told him he wanted to be immersed, and he wanted to have it done outside in running water. The two of them went to a creek and the preacher baptized him. When the man came up out of the water the preacher said; this man told him never to tell anyone what happened. Until the day that man died, even his wife did not know that this atheist was a quote "Christian," unquote. There are many like him in all Churches. People who have been baptized into Christ, and never tell anybody either. That is the Satanic witness, you can't deny Jesus arose from the dead, just take the money, and don't tell anybody Jesus is alive.

THE LORD'S WITNESS

And now the method of witness according to Matthew, Jesus said, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always even into the end of the world." Mark says it this way, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned." Luke puts it

this way, "Thus it is written that the Christ must suffer, and rise again from the dead, and that repentance, and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all the nations beginning from Jerusalem." A preacher wrote and graciously sent a contribution, and said, "I surely did preach the message faithfully." However, he added, "I follow the traditions of Rome, Geneva, and Scotland." I wrote back, and thanked him for his gift, and fine spirit, and tactfully added, "I follow the traditions of the apostles of Jesus Christ at Jerusalem, because that is where it began, Sunday morning on the Day of Pentecost, ten days after the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven.

SUNSET BEACH CHURCH OF CHRIST - PHILIPPINES

Attached are some photos taken during our preaching in one of our local churches. A couple of souls were "immersed" in the watery grave of salvation at the coastal area in my place at Santiago Sur, and "our hearts together with the angels in heaven rejoiced greatly with this addition" in God's Kingdom. In the photos, I "might" look great because of the "selected clothing" you have sent lately, but we are doing these work out of my "empty stomach"... please remember us in your prayers. May God bless us all with this labor of love we have committed to the Lord. Take care and we love you so much.

Regards to you all at GIJAPA, Ed Domingo





Ed Domingo, in white shirt, preparing for baptism; as instructed in Acts 2:38; baptism completed.





Ed Domingo, evangelist of Sunset Beach Church of Christ

Letters

Dear Sister Naomi,

We have received the newsletter bearing the graph of your last year's expenditure and what you received. Truly it has not been easy task for you; you are really struggling very hard to keep the work going. We notice that it is not easy for you at all. It has been very difficult for you during some of the months of last year, but God will continue to be with you to overcome the difficulties through Jesus

Christ, Amen. Our Great God helps you to overcome this great challenge. You are indeed trying hard for this great ministry to survive. God is with you sister. Thanks so much for your love for us and the work of God as a whole. We thank you so much, dear sister Naomi.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God

I have enjoyed hearing Ed over the years. Several years ago, I purchased all his Hillsboro and Prayer clinic sermons. I heard them while I commuted back and forth to work. Saw him at Hillsboro many years ago. You all have built up a tremendous treasure in heaven. I can't begin to express how much this ministry has meant to us and thousands around the world. I still use your material in my Sunday school class. Thanks again for all that you do. There are very few ministries that have done so much for so long. May God continue to bless your work in His Kingdom.

Love in Christ, Gene, elder in Church of Christ in Texas

Dear Sister Naomi,

Thank you for the Bible and Bible studies that you've sent over the past year and half. They have been a great help in my daily life. There is nothing better in life than having God in your life—someone to turn to no matter what you say. I can honestly say I've been blessed. My life is back on track and I pray that I'll be home with my kids and grandkids real soon. I'd like to thank you for all you've done not only for me but for everyone else that your heart has touched here in prison. You have helped so many to get closer to God. That in itself is a blessing. God bless.

Sincerely, Tom from Texas

Dear Naomi,

Every time I listen to GIJAPA joy fills my heart. When Jim and I became Christians 46 years ago we were so blessed to be at the New Brunswick Church of Christ in Lebanon, Indiana. Her finest hour during Ed's preaching. The elders there were strong leaders; they took us in and taught us how to really live. Two of the sweetest souls there Pierce and Flossie Miller - parents of Dianna Stevens, the wife of Bob Stevens, Evangelist of Allensburg Church of Christ, where you attend Church, I think? Pierce mentored Jim and Flossie was in my first class to help me when I began to teach VBS. There have been so many changes in the world since I first started my journey; but every Sunday when I hear Ed preach on the GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY radio broadcast, I'm reminded that God's word never changes. I am so thankful to be able to listen to that strong voice of reason. Thank you for your faithfulness.

In Christ, Marilyn from Lizton, IN

To the Ed Bousman Staff,

I am nearing my discharge date of my 2-year sentence. I think it best to change my address now, just to be safe. I want to thank you all for the Bible and Bible studies and spiritual support during this sometimes trying, sometimes frustrating first time I have ever been incarcerated - or even arrested for that matter. While here, I have built up my faith, strength and knowledge of God's word. I know I am a better man, father, husband now than I have been in a long time. Your studies, newsletters, the Bible you sent and the unseen, but ever-present prayers have aided my rebirth!

I thank you all so much and I pray you are all blessed each day! I truly look forward to continuing my faith education and spiritual blessings through your ministry for a long time to come. I am moving to a place where I will be able to hear your radio program and cannot wait to hear its message! I thank you all so much for your blessed aid during this unpleasant time. May the good Lord bless, comfort, strengthen and protect you all every day! I hope to be able to assist your work in some way very soon.

In Christ, Barry; Baring, MO

Hello, my name is Ricky. I would like to ask for a Bible. I'm in a program to help me with my drug problem. I need this so badly. I'm here until 10-26-2015. I would like to have my life back. I lost everything in my life; family friends, all of it. All I want in my life is a good wife, a job, and kids some day. I'm 24 years old, I'm ready to make a change in my life. Thank you God. Please help me to get my life back.

Dallas, TX

To whom it may concern,

I am currently incarcerated in Galveston County Jail. I am in a pod with other inmates that are doing your Bible studies. They informed me that I write and ask you then you would send me a Bible along with Bible studies to help me get a better understanding of the word of God. Thank you and God bless you in your journey of saving lost souls, especially we who are in prison.

Richard, Galveston, TX

Dear Naomi,

I'm writing this letter concerning a Bible. I am presently in the Travis County Jail. I am 59 years old and I am in a rut with criminal behavior. I truly want to change, however, I don't know how. I'm hoping with a Bible and perhaps other Christian materials, I can change my life through Christ.

Sincerely, Daryl; Austin, TX

I'd like to thank you in advance for the Bible I am requesting. My glasses were lost upon booking and for this reason I'm requesting that if possible could my Bible be a giant print? The Bible studies that I completed and sent back were passed on to me by a lady leaving Galveston County Jail. She also left me a cracked pair of readers and these have been a blessing beyond belief. I look forward to any additional materials that will help me on my journey to knowing Christ as my Savior. I'm new at this, but I've never felt like this before in my life, I know it is the love of Jesus. May I please continue with the studies?

Linda from Galveston, TX

Dear Naomi,

I am a prisoner at Dalhart TX. I understand that I need to be baptized after completing your Bible Studies, but the prison here is making excuses and not letting me do it. Please can you help me? Jason (I've tried to contact the Chaplain but not succeeded at the time I sent this to the printers. If there is anyone out there near Dalhart, TX pleases contact me - Naomi—and I'll give you Jason's full name and prison # whereby you can make the contact with the prison, and together we can help Jason be obedient to Acts 2:38).

The Cross Was His Own

They borrowed a bed to lay His head
When Christ the LORD came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town;
But the crown that He wore, And the cross that He bore
Were His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountain side;
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied;
But the crown that He wore, And the cross that He bore
Were His own.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed the nest in which to rest,
He had never a home so rude;
But the crown that He wore, And the cross that He bore
Were His own.

He borrowed a room on the way to the Tomb
The Passover lamb to eat;
They borrowed the cave; for Him a grave
They borrowed the winding sheet.
But the crown that He wore, And the cross that He bore
Were His own.

The thorns on His head were worn in *my* stead,
For *me* the Saviour died.
For guilt of *my sin* the nails drove in
When Him they crucified;
Though the crown that He wore, And the cross that He bore
Were His own—

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They rightly were mine!





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