#### THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE





### Matthew 28:11-13

"<sup>11</sup>...some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. <sup>12</sup> When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept."

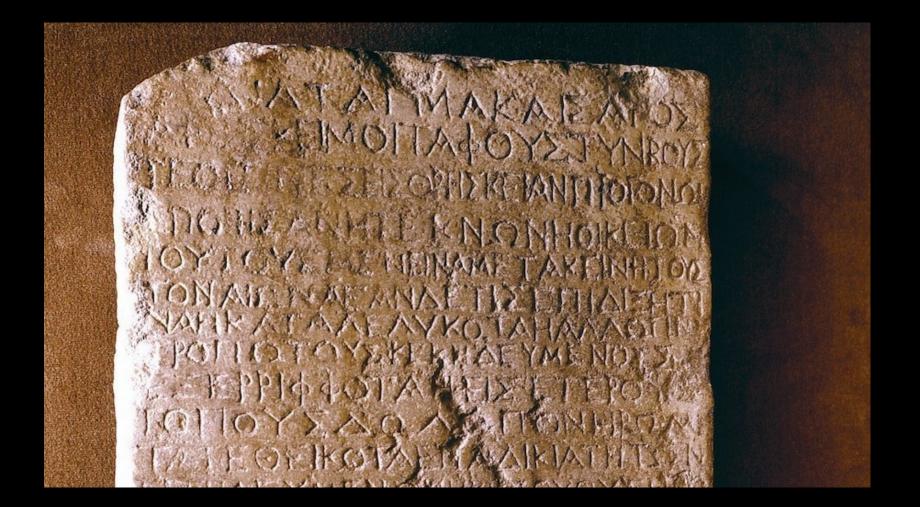
### John 11:25

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

# THE GRAVE ROBBER The Resurrection and the Life

### **1. The Rulers Schemed**





The Risen Savior confronts one of man's greatest fears – the fear of losing power.

## 2. The Guards Panicked



#### **Matthew 28:1-4**

<sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

When things get too real with God, people tend to put their guards up.

#### Matthew 28:14-15

<sup>14</sup> "And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure."
<sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were instructed.

What you lose for the sake of Jesus cannot be compared to what you will gain.

# 3. The Women Worshipped



#### Matthew 28:1

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

#### Matthew 28:5

# Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

# You will miss your miracle if you keep looking in the wrong places.

#### Luke 24:5

# Why do you seek the living among the dead?

#### Matthew 28:6

# He is not here; for He is risen, as He said...

# You can live again, because God robbed the grave of its power.