

**Introduction:**

**A. FACTS Supporting Jesus' Resurrection (Matt. 28:1-10)**

1. An **angel** of the Lord who informed the two Mary's about Jesus' resurrection
2. The **empty** tomb of Jesus
3. Jesus' **appearance** to the two Marys
4. Jesus' **dialogue** with doubting Thomas (John 20:24-29)
5. Jesus **ate** broiled fish to demonstrate His physical resurrection (Luke 24:36-43)

**B. FAKE NEWS Sabotaging Jesus' Resurrection (Matt. 28:11-15)**

1. Fake news **invented** by the Chief Priests to undermine Jesus' resurrection
2. Today, philosophical rationalists and liberal theologians who reject the miracle of Christ's resurrection **poison** the minds of people, who become agnostics, atheists, secular humanists, who oppose the Christian faith.

**C. FAITH Standing on Jesus' Resurrection**

1. Is **saving** faith (Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 4:12)
2. Is **servicing** faith (Phil. 2:12; James 2:20-24, 26)
3. Is **sustaining** faith (2 Tim. 4:6-8)

**Reflections:**

1. How Jesus **turned** the cross from a MINUS sign into a PLUS sign
2. What the risen Christ brings to us today:
  - a. **Hope** when we are demoralized, discouraged, and dreadful like the First Disciples
  - b. **Power** to resurrect our dying interpersonal relationships with people in our lives.
  - c. **Liberation** from emotional depression, despair, damaging addictions, meaningless existence, and the tyranny of anger, bitterness and unforgiveness.

3. What else can the risen Christ do for us today?

See the Pastor's Corner at the back of this bulletin.

**Conclusion:** Matthew 20:16-20

1. Jesus is counting on us to be His **heralds** to spread His death and resurrection message and make disciples of all nations.
2. By our words, actions, service, and sacrifice, let us rise up to **herald** the good news that Christ has died and has risen from the dead for us. Hallelujah!

**TABLETALK STARTERS**

**READ: Matthew 28:1-20**

1. The Christian faith is factual, not fictional. See Point A in the sermon outline, and see how these facts support your faith in Christ.
2. Religion (The High Priest) and politics (Gov. Pilate) colluded to invent and perpetuate fake news to sabotage Christ's resurrection. What other fake news undermining Jesus' resurrection should concern us today?
3. Check your faith if it is standing on the crucified and resurrected Christ. See Point C in the sermon outline.'
4. For your inspiration and encouragement, go over the Reflections in the sermon outline and the Pastor's Corner.

**PRAY**