

April 10, 2020

# Wilson News

## Matthew 28:1-8

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. 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. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, **“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.** And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.



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## The Stone was Rolled Away

*Pastor Tom Hubbard*

The unthinkable had just happened; God's one and only Son, Jesus the Savior of the world, had been crucified. As the day drew to a close, Joseph of Arimathea was allowed to take the body of Jesus down from the cross and he laid Him in the tomb. So many were numb with disbelief and grief. Their joy, their hope, their world had just come crashing down before their very eyes.

Not knowing what to say or do, they were driven to at least give Jesus a proper burial. Mark 16:1-4 says, *“And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, they come to the tomb when the sun was risen. And they were saying among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb? and looking up, they see that the stone is rolled back: for it was exceeding great.”* These women had good reason to wonder how they were going to remove the stone; they knew how big the stone was. You see, it was customary to roll a big stone over the entrance of a tomb for safe keeping. They were so big and so heavy that they were rolled into place by several very capable men with levers or poles. Many believe the stone weighed around 1-1/2 – 2 tons, the approximate weight of a midsize car.

The stone wasn't the only obstacle for the women to be concerned about for a Roman guard unit was stationed at the tomb of Jesus. A “unit” typically consisted of 4 very well-trained and disciplined soldiers that were held to the highest standard. Failure to carry out the assigned task often resulted in a tortuous and humiliating death. And then there was the Roman seal that was affixed to the stone that secured the tomb, representing the power and authority of the Roman empire. Breaking the Roman seal was a capital offense that carried the death penalty.

Though very much aware of these obstacles, the women were on their way to the tomb. The Bible says they arose early in the morning to do the right and necessary task regardless of the apparent impossibilities that were before them. They were grief-stricken, confused, and dismayed by the death of Jesus, yet these women pressed on only to find that all the work was done and Jesus the Savior of the world had risen! Matthew 28:2, 5-6 reads as follows: *“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. But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”* The angel of the Lord cast the stone aside like it was nothing and sat on it. Jesus came forth victorious! Nothing is impossible for God.

To the believer,  
Christ is the  
resurrection and  
the life. In our  
Saviour the life  
that was lost  
through sin is  
restored; for He  
has life in Himself  
to quicken whom  
He will. He is  
invested with the  
right to give  
immortality. The  
life that He laid  
down in humanity,  
He takes up again,  
and gives to  
humanity. "I am  
come," He said,  
"that they might  
have life, and that  
they might have it  
more abundantly"

Desire of Ages  
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When we face challenges and apparent impossibilities or difficulties in our lives, how do we respond? Sure, at times doors close when things aren't according to God's will, but many times we know that it is God's will, yet it seems impossible. Friends, what the Lord has asked, we must do believing that He will make good on His promises. The Lord delights in accomplishing that which we believe is impossible. The Lord says in Isaiah 55:9, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Perhaps you have obstacles in your path? Obstacles between you and where you know God would have you be? Bring it before the Lord and give it to Him. Pray for His will to be done in your life. He is willing and able. Mark 11:23,24 says, "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

The stone was rolled away! Your Savior took His life back up and is risen! He is very much alive and well today. He is working on your behalf, working to see you safely home. Won't you trust Him with all of your life today?

## Kids Corner

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Listen to some great stories here!

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[www.yourstoryhour.org](http://www.yourstoryhour.org)

[www.mylacewithjesus.com](http://www.mylacewithjesus.com)

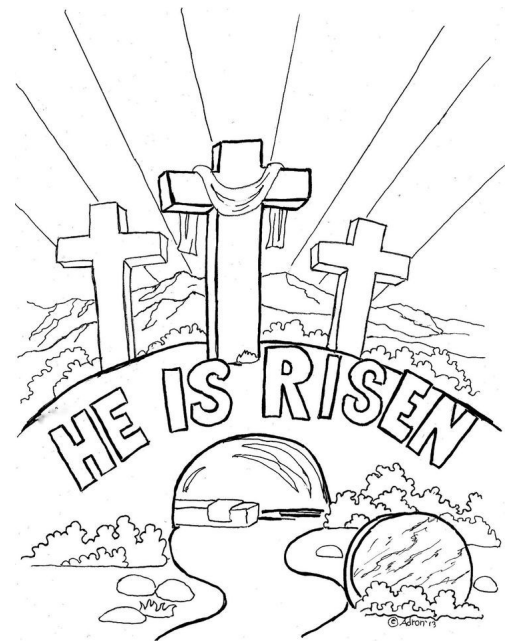
Can You Solve It?

A What is full of holes but still holds water?

B Where can you find cities, towns, shops, and streets but no people?

C What happens once in a lifetime, twice in a moment, but never in one hundred years?

A: a sponge  
B: a map  
C: the letter "M"



## Wilson Junior Academy

Formal school assembly has been cancelled for the remainder of the school year due to the coronavirus and a desire to keep our community as safe as possible. The good news is that our teachers, parents, and students are working hard to make learning from a distance fun, interesting, and productive. With online, interactive meetings every day, students are still able to see and talk to their teachers. By the grace of God, will finish the year strong for Him. Remember to keep our teachers, parents, and students in your prayers.



## April Birthdays

Bev Berger – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jewel Richards – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Kevin Boerschinger – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Josh Murray – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Liz Parmentier – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Annie Soper – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Savannah Naranjo – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tim Groleau – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jacob Parmentier – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Leslie Messersmith – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Gloria Lanaville – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Dexter Buell – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Ilko Tchakarov – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Danielle Berger – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Brandee Groleau – 29<sup>th</sup>

## Announcements

- **No church assembly until April 30, or as notified.**
- **If you are receiving the One Call Now announcements from the church and would like to receive text messages, text ALERT to 22300. If you are having technical difficulties or would like to be added, please contact Mrs. Buell (269) 254-6930 or Carrie DeGrave (906) 368-0445.**
- **Check the blue tote by the front door of the school. You can find Sabbath school materials, newsletters and tithe envelopes there. You can return your tithes and offerings by mail to Bev Berger, W1166 Maple Lane No. 31.25, Carney, MI 49812 or go to the church website [www.wilsonsdachurch.org](http://www.wilsonsdachurch.org) and click the green donate now button. May the Lord bless your faithfulness to Him in these trying times.**
- **Visit the church website [www.wilsonsdachurch.org](http://www.wilsonsdachurch.org) for updates, the latest links for the weekly sermon, Sabbath School via Zoom, and Pathfinders, this newsletter will also be available there as well.**
- **Need help getting groceries or medications? Please contact Pastor or Amie Hubbard at (906) 639-2440.**

### Note from the Editor – Amie Hubbard

Thank you so much for taking time to read this issue of the Church Newsletter! If you have announcements that you would like included in next month's issue, please email me at [amiehubbard.ah@gmail.com](mailto:amiehubbard.ah@gmail.com). I am open to feedback and would love to hear what you think or if you have ideas of what to include. We miss each of you and pray that you enjoy the update and opportunity to connect.

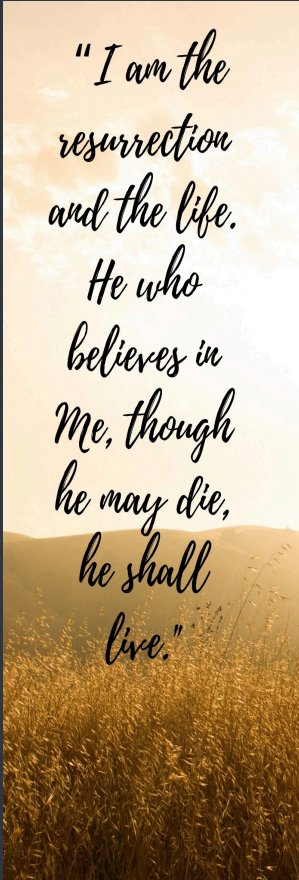
## From the Pastor...

Dear Church Family,

This was a week of new lessons, lessons in technology that a few months ago we would never have dreamed of needing. We have learned how to conduct school, Sabbath School, church and school board meetings via Zoom. We have learned how to record, edit, and upload sermons to YouTube, and how to share the links through the church website, text message, and email. Thank you for your flexibility, patience, and perseverance. We have greatly appreciated the encouraging texts and calls expressing the blessings received from these efforts. We miss seeing you in person and appreciate hearing how the Lord is blessing you. Thank you for uplifting us in prayer. Know that we are praying for you all as we navigate through this time. We know that God will be with each one of you...He is always faithful. As we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and His resurrection this weekend, we pray that you will be drawn ever closer to Him. Yet, the story isn't over. The resurrection of Jesus is not the end, as beautiful and incredible as it is. Jesus is coming again! He is coming soon! We can see the signs in Matthew 24, Daniel and Revelation fulfilled all around us. One thing is yet to be accomplished, the gospel message must go to all the world, then the end will come. May we share the good news with all those around us. Have a blessed Sabbath and a wonderful weekend.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Tom and Amie Hubbard and family



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

