

Matthew 28:7

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.

“Wait, we just finished Christmas and the story of Jesus’ birth, but now we are fast forwarding to Jesus resurrection?” you may be thinking. Yes you are right, because Resurrection Sunday (Easter) is not until April, four month away. But I am not really getting into Jesus’ resurrection (Kind of). But rather I am focusing more on what the angel said to the Mary’s after Jesus rose from the dead. Kind of like during Christmas, where we focus part of the story on what the angel said to Mary, and Joseph and to the shepherds, because God sent them for a learning opportunity for us all

But, did you notice in today’s verse that the angel said to go tell them that Jesus had risen from the dead. Period.

The angel didn’t say to go explain how Jesus had risen from the dead, or argue with others that Jesus had truly risen from the dead.

If you read the story, at this point, the Mary’s who were at the tomb, had not physically seen Jesus risen from the dead. All they saw was an empty tomb, and an angel telling them why it was empty, which was not because someone took Jesus’ body, but because Jesus had risen from the dead. Period.

The same is true for us, we have a simple gospel, which is that Jesus died for all of our sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Period. That’s all you really need to know to share the gospel. If you know scripture, you can back it up with scripture, and one very well known scripture is John 3:16 that we all can use because it sums up the entire gospel in one verse.

✠ ***John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.***

Jesus even said for us to, ***“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”***
Mark 16:15b

But notice that Jesus didn’t say to:

- “Go into all the world and argue about the gospel to every creature.”
- “Go into all the world and shove the gospel down the throat of every creature.”
- “Go into all the world and invite every creature to church.”
- “Go into all the world and pawn every creature of onto your pastor so that he could share the gospel.”

It's none of those things, but simply tell them what you know, and that is that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead on the third day and based upon John 3:16 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

But you say that sounds too simple. You are right, it is that simple, and if it's that simple, why not go out and do it just like Jesus said to do, which is to, ***“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”***

- † **Psalm 119:130 (NLT2)** *The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.*
- † **1 Corinthians 1:18** *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*
- † **Psalm 116:6** *The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.*
- † **2 Timothy 4:2 (MSG)** *so proclaim the Message with intensity; keep on your watch. Challenge, warn, and urge your people. Don't ever quit. Just keep it simple.*