

“Connecting People to the Lost”



***Title: A Radical Change
in Our Agenda***

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

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Of all the events...

- ***...in recorded history,
no event has altered the
course of history more
profoundly than the
resurrection of Jesus
Christ***

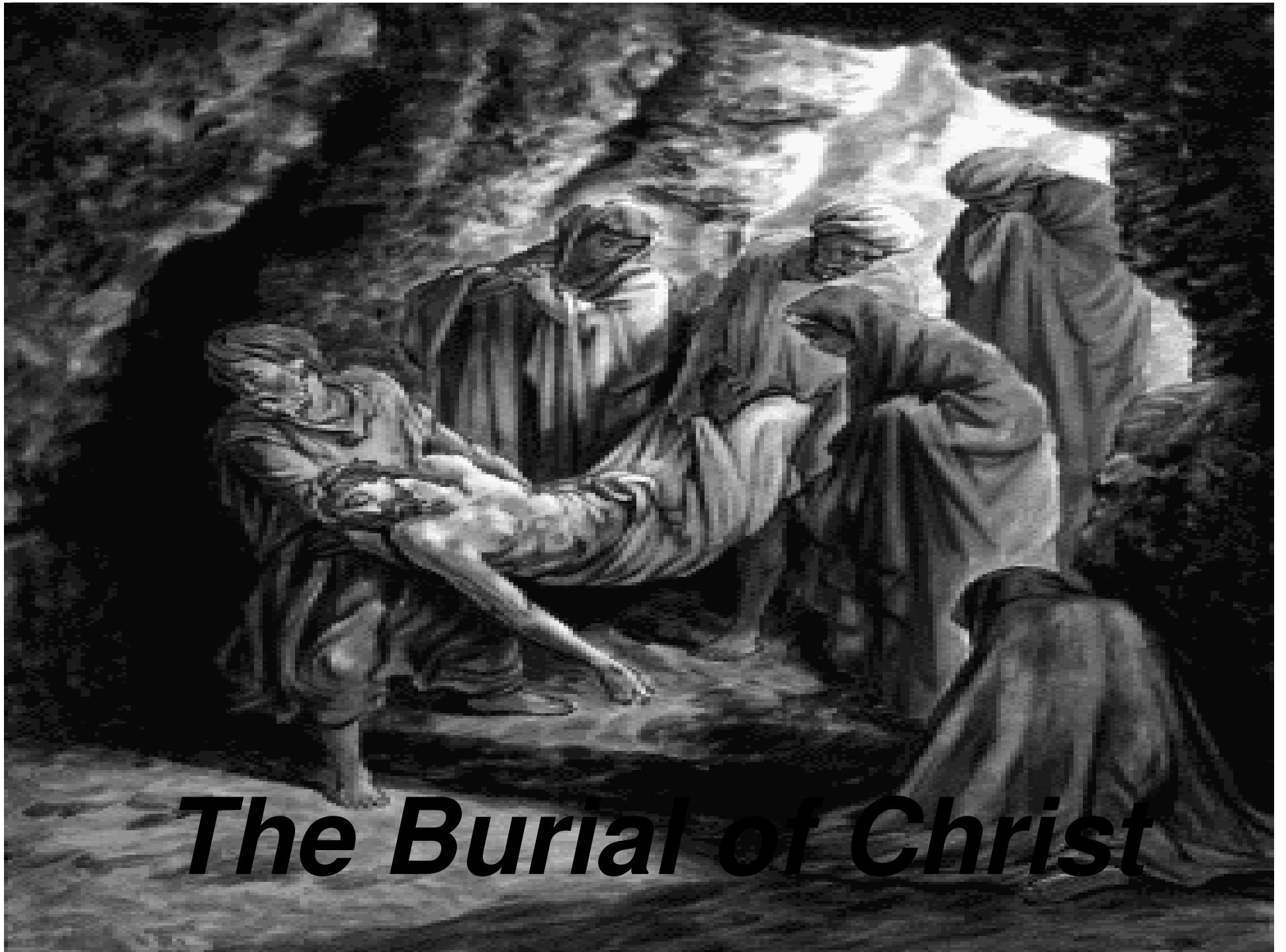


The resurrection...

- *...radically
changes our
focus*

The resurrection...

- *...changes our focus from the pain of death to the joy of His risen life (Matt. 28:1-10)*



The Burial of Christ

The women...

- *...went to the graveyard expecting to find a dead Jesus (28:1-10)*

***The stone was
rolled away***





What the women...

■ ***...discovered was
the risen Christ.***

■ ***(28:1-10)***

The crucifixion...

- *...is important, but if there were no resurrection Jesus' death would lose its significance.*



Jesus would...

***...be like all other
religious leaders...
dead.***

...Buddha is dead

...Joseph Smith is dead

Paul said...

- *...I am crucified with Christ, but He doesn't stop there. He says, nevertheless I live. Not me but Christ living in me...that's the significance of the resurrection. (Gal. 2:20)*

In the final...

- *...paragraph of Matthew, Jesus is getting ready to pass the baton. He wants His disciples to understand the nature and scope of the mission they are being given.*



His Mission...

- *All authority*
- *All the nations*
- *All that I have
commanded you*
- *Always*



The Resurrection...

- *...changes our focus from our inadequacy to God's sufficiency (Matt. 28:16-18)*



Juxtaposition...

- *...they
worshipped and
they doubted*



He tried to...

- *...prepare them but they just didn't get it.*

- *Mark 8:31-33*

- *Mark 9:30-32*

- *Matthew 20:17-19*



He used metaphors ...

■ ***...in an effort to explain but they just didn't get it.***

■ ***John 2:18-19***

■ ***Matthew 12:38-41***

Jesus did not...

- ***...scold or rebuke them for their doubt. It was more hesitation than doubt. They just did not know what to do.***



Matthew 28:18

- **And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “*All authority* has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**



His response...

- *...to their doubt was to say to them, you don't have to worry... My Father has given Me complete control of everything.*



His message...

- *...All
“exousia”
has been given
to Me*



Exousia...

- *...rightful,
unimpeded
power to act*



Jesus had the...

- *...right to give the Great Commission and He had the power to help them carry it out*



The Resurrection...

- *...changes our focus from a self-centered agenda to an others-centered agenda.*



Matthew 28:19

- Go therefore and make disciples of *all the nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,



Matthew 28:20

- **...teaching them to observe *all that I commanded you*; and lo, I am with you *always*, even to the end of the age.”**