



April 18, 2021 – *Mark 16:2-3*

Who will Roll Away the Stone?

- A) **An angel came down from heaven and rolled away the stone**
1. The stone was not rolled away to enable Jesus to come out of the tomb
 2. It was rolled away so that people could get inside the tomb and see that Jesus was resurrected
- B) **A group of women were on their way to the tomb**
1. Their greatest concern was that their beloved Jesus had been crucified
 2. Another concern: Who would roll away the stone
- C) **The concern those women had is a concern that billions of men and women have had**
1. Who will roll away our gravestones and set us free from death?
- D) **The women found that the gravestone had already been rolled away**
1. They found that Jesus of Nazareth had been resurrected from the grave
- E) **The stone the angel rolled away spoke of a resurrected Jesus Christ**
1. The rolled-away stone also spoke of the resurrection of all who believe in Christ

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-4 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week...2 There was a **violent earthquake**, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, **rolled back the stone and sat on it**. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 **The guards were so afraid of him that they shook** and became **like dead men**.

Mark 16:1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

Mark 16:2-3 Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. 3 On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

Luke 24:5-8 ... "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 **He is not here; he has risen!** Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ...8 Then they remembered his words.