Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter 28

- Note: Only Matthew mentions this earthquake and the one at Jesus' death. Read Mark 16:2–6; Luke 24:1–7, and John 20:1 to compare accounts of this event.
- What do you learn from the fact that the women were bringing spices and ointments to the tomb?
- How do you think the women were expecting to get into the tomb?
- What does it mean that the guards "trembled and became like dead men"?
- What is the significance of the first eye-witnesses of the empty tomb being women?
- What is the significance of the women worshiping Jesus (verse 9)?
- Why do you think the disciples didn't believe the testimony of the women?
- What were the high priests and elders afraid of?
- What would have happened to Christianity if they could have produced Jesus' body?
- Verse 17 mentions two contrary actions; what are they?
- Matthew 28:19–20 is commonly called "The Great Commission." How would you state this commission in your own words?
- What promise does Jesus give all of us at the end of verse 20?
- How should this promise change the way we live?
- What was the most significant thing you learned from the study of Matthew?