



PROMISES

EASTER 2014

PROMISES MADE - PROMISES KEPT

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Matthew 20:17-19

As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up.”



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- **Ash Wednesday- God made promises to save us from sin**
- **Good Friday- a broken world doesn't mean God doesn't keep his promises**
- **Easter- God keeps his promises**
 - **this Matthew promise is a doozy and seems crazy**



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- **First thing about God's promises:**
 - God hasn't given up on you!
- **when is it hardest to keep a promise?**
 - when the other person isn't trustworthy
- **we give God every justification to walk away, but from the beginning he never gave up on us**



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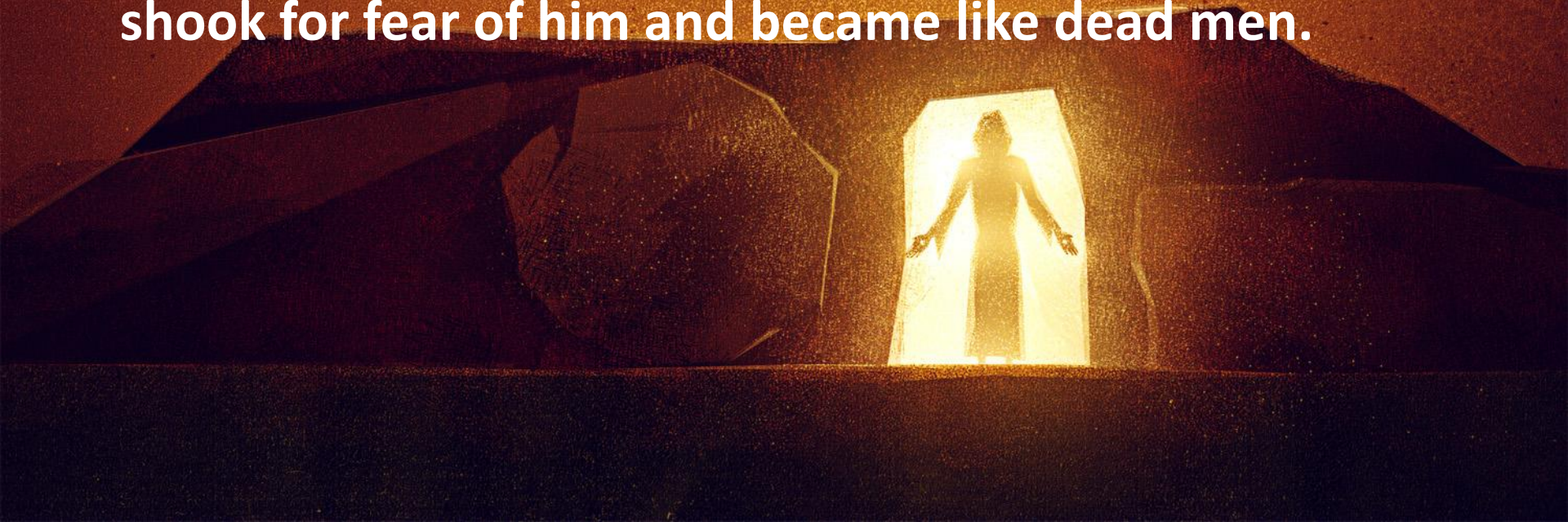
- **Second thing about God's promises:**
 - **God always keeps his promises**



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Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.



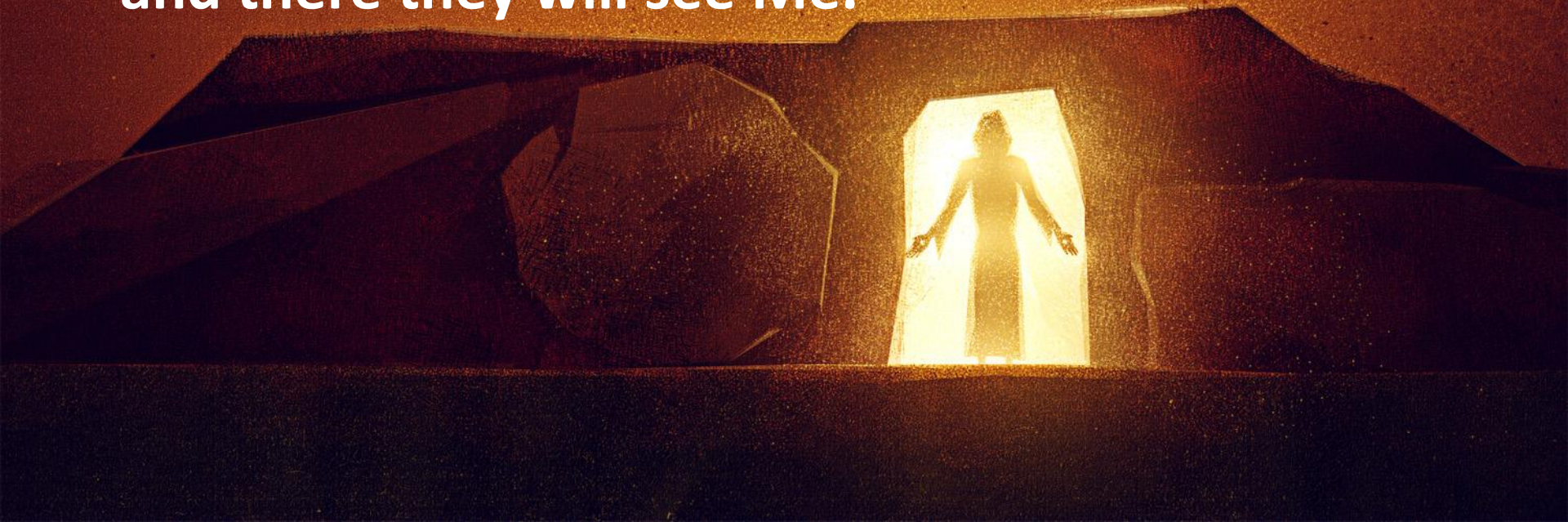
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The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”



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And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.”



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- **this keeps the ch. 20 promise**
- **God made the promise to provide a Savior many times**
- **its the greatest news ever!**
 - **God promised a Savior and he always keeps his promises**
- **save us from death, free us from sin, be in relationship with us**
 - **empower us to live everyday, live with him forever**



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- **he's kept those promises and made more to us for today and the future**
 - I will never leave you or forsake you; I'm with you until the end of time
- **Easter and the cross and resurrection show us his faithfulness to those promises**



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- **Believe**
 - A Savior
 - Through faith
 - In Christ alone
 - He will never leave you
- **Make this good news for you today!**

