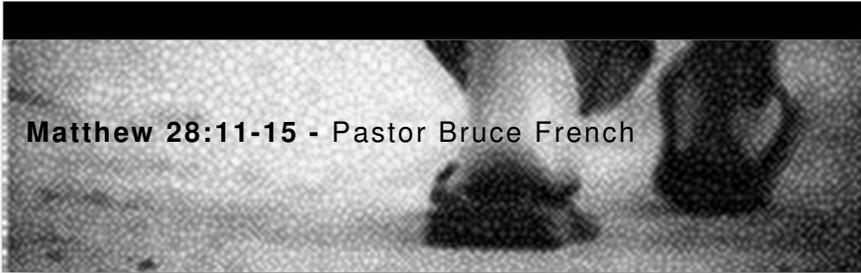


# No Denying

**When it comes to the resurrection  
what can we expect?**

1. *When it comes to the resurrection we can expect  
denial towards \_\_\_\_\_ . Matt. 28:11*
  
2. *When it comes to the resurrection we can expect  
denial towards \_\_\_\_\_ . Matt. 28:12-13*
  
3. *When it comes to the resurrection we can expect  
denial towards \_\_\_\_\_ . Matt. 28:14-15*



**Matthew 28:11-15 - Pastor Bruce French**

**Journey with Jesus:** Matthew 16:24-19:15

## TAKE HOME TRUTH

*Denial cannot refute \_\_\_\_\_.*

Matthew 28:6

### Today's Core Belief:

**Eternity:** *"I believe there is a heaven and a hell  
and that Jesus Christ is returning to judge the  
earth and to establish His eternal kingdom.  
(from John 14:1-4)*

### Today's Action:

*Is there an area of your life that is not  
surrendered? Commit today to give that to  
Christ and share this commitment with another.*

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verse by  
verse



## Deeper Connection Study

The finality of Jesus' death seemed to occur at the moment his body was sealed in the tomb. Yet God proved that death – especially the death of the Messiah – was not final. The biggest miracle of all took everyone by surprise: Jesus has risen – He is not dead, but alive! There is no doubt word of this kind of miracle would travel fast and have an incredible impact.

*Today's Core Belief discussed: Eternity*



**Read Matthew 28:1-15 [par. Mk. 15:42-47; 16:1-8; Lk. 23:50-56; 24:1-10; John 19:38-42; 20:1-10]**

1. How was God's power displayed in Jesus' resurrection (27:66-28:7; cf. Acts 2:24; 3:15; 10:40; 13:30)?
2. Who were the initial witnesses and how did they respond? To whom did they speak about what they encountered (28:1-10, 11-15)? What was the motivation and result of their reporting?
3. How do people today still deny the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Why is the resurrection a stumbling block to people believing in Jesus as Lord and Savior?
4. "He is risen!" Why is this proclamation so fantastic? What does it mean for you?
5. Why would our Christian faith be meaningless without the resurrection (cf. I Cor. 15:1-8, 12-19)?
6. How has Jesus' death and resurrection impacted you? How has your faith been challenged and/or strengthened in light of Jesus' resurrection and victory over death?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for his gracious provision of Jesus Christ to die for our sins. Praise God that Jesus has risen from the dead! Ask God to help you live joyfully for Him and proclaim that Jesus is alive.

# Road to the Cross

ROAD TO THE CROSS

Matthew 28:11-15

There are many things that people deny. Most children will deny that they need sleep as they beg to stay up later. The person with a sweet tooth will deny that Girl Scout cookies actually have calories. Additionally, most smokers will deny that cigarettes will kill you. Yet the fact remains, kids still need sleep, cookies do have calories and cigarettes will kill you. It is true that denial does not change the truth.

That assertion is also true when it comes to Christ's resurrection. There was, and continues to be, denial about its reality. As an example, some deny that Jesus ever claimed that he would rise from the dead. Others deny that there is any evidence for a bodily resurrection. Still, many deny that it has any significance, and thus has no relevance to our lives.

How about you? Do you deny the resurrection, or do you believe that it is true. If you affirm the later do you also see the resurrection as relevant and formative for the way that you live today? Remember, denial does not change truth.