

rocks and remembrance

Mark 16:1-4

1. The stone has already been rolled away.

- The women who went to the tomb still went even though they didn't know how the stone would be rolled away. They proceeded boldly, not knowing that the obstacle had already been removed. Yes, there may be challenges, but still walk towards them because God has already rolled the stone away (**Matthew 11:30**).
- What are the stones in our lives? What are the things that we are afraid to pursue because we feel that there are still barriers there? What are we giving up on because we don't believe that the Lord of heaven's armies is powerful enough to get us through? What would happen if we dared to start walking toward our stones like it was already handled?
- Matthew 27:62-66**. Notice how the Romans sealed the tomb and placed a guard of soldiers in front of it. What they didn't know is that the stone had already been rolled away. No matter the plot of the enemy, if we keep our eyes on Jesus, we will see that, no matter the physical barrier, it has been already moved out the way. God has already made the way of escape! Don't worry—He has it under control!
- One way you walk towards stones by declaring it is done in prayer. Walk and think of it as if it is already resolved.

Matthew 28:1-7; Luke 24:1-8

2. Remember what I told you.

- Jesus's disciples did not remember what Jesus had told them.
- John 2:18-22; Matthew 16:21-23; Matthew 17:22; Mark 8:31; Mark 9:30-32**. Jesus told the disciples many times what would happen to Him, but they did not remember. They walked in despair because they thought He was actually dead. In the same way, when we forget what Jesus has told us, we cannot walk in His promises.
- Even in this season of pestilence, remember what Jesus has told us, and you will be able to stand. Put on your armor! **Ephesians 6:13** says to, "resist." Resisting in a natural sense involves pushing and pulling. In the same way, spiritually, we have to be able to push and pull, pushing against the enemy and his attacks, and pulling down strongholds to remove the footholds of the enemy.
- We must remember the promises of God.
- Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:31-39; Philippians 4:19; Isaiah 43:1-2; Psalms 23; Deuteronomy 31:8; Ephesians 3:20; Deuteronomy 28:2-13**