

## Denying the Resurrection (Matt. 28:11-15)

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### Resurrection Review

There would be no \_\_\_\_\_ if there were no resurrection.

Rejecting the resurrection is \_\_\_\_\_ suicide.

Solomon wrote that God "has also set \_\_\_\_\_ in their heart" (Eccl. 3:11).

Many \_\_\_\_\_ have been concocted for the obvious purpose of explaining \_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection.

All of the theories fail to explain how the \_\_\_\_\_ could be transformed from cowards to heroes and how such a dynamic entity as the \_\_\_\_\_ could come in to existence.

Such unbelieving critics also fail to explain what happened to Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Truth Reported (v. 11)

Notes on the context:

Three key points to take note of:

1. The guards were \_\_\_\_\_ of the resurrection events.
2. There were \_\_\_\_\_ guards, and the law required at least two witnesses to confirm something as true.
3. The guards reported \_\_\_\_\_ that happened.

These guards had innocently been the first \_\_\_\_\_ to the unbelieving Jewish leaders.

The gospel message has often been transmitted by \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Lie Concocted (vv. 12-14)

Despite that firsthand, unprejudiced \_\_\_\_\_ of the guards, the chief priests showed no interest in \_\_\_\_\_ the guards' story.

The Jewish leaders decided on a 3-point plan:

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ the guards

Scriptures that address bribes:

2. To spread a lie about the \_\_\_\_\_

Notes on the ways false religious leaders exercise control:

3. To \_\_\_\_\_ the guards from possible reprisal by Pilate

Win him over =

Keep you out of trouble =

Greed and enslavement to the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ has been the *downfall* of many a person.

Flaws in their lie:

### The Deceit Spreads (v. 15)

The first public deniers of the resurrection chose to deny the truth for \_\_\_\_\_.

The religious leaders and elders of the people abused their \_\_\_\_\_ and position to influence others to \_\_\_\_\_ against God.

Was widely spread =

Matthew records this account to demonstrate Israel's full and final \_\_\_\_\_ as a nation.

"If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead." (Luke 16:31)