- I. God announced the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
 - A. Loyal followers came to the tomb of Jesus
 - B. To announce the significance of this event God sent a violent earthquake
 - C. To open the tomb God sent a powerful angel
 - D. To guard the empty tomb God posted an angel guard
- II. The angel announced the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
 - A. They were told to not be afraid

"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!" (Revelation 1:17-18)

- B. They were told to remember that Jesus was crucified
- C. They were told that Jesus had <u>risen from the dead</u>

"But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." (Acts 2:24)

- D. They were told to see the evidence
- E. They were told that Jesus fulfilled his word

"From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised back to life." (Matthew 16:21)

- F. They were told to go tell his disciples
- G. They were told that they would see <u>Jesus alive</u>
- III. Jesus announced his resurrection from the dead
 - A. At the news of Jesus' resurrection they left <u>full of joy</u>

"Though you have not seen him you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy." (I Peter 1:8)

- B. At the news of Jesus' resurrection they left to tell the disciples
- C. The women were met by the <u>risen Christ</u>

1. They saw the risen Christ

"We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you of the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty." (2 Peter 1:16)

2. They <u>heard</u> the risen Christ

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." (John 11:25)

- 3. They touched the risen Christ
- 4. They worshipped the risen Christ

"Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: 'To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!'. The four living creatures fell down and worshipped." (Revelation 5:13-14)

5. They <u>obeyed</u> the risen Christ

"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 4:33)