

INTRODUCTION:

1. AS THE WOMEN WENT TO ANNOUNCE THE GOOD NEWS, THE GUARDS CAME INTO TOWN TO ANNOUNCE THE BAD NEWS (28:11).

a. The women carried the good news of Jesus' empty tomb.

b. The guards carried the bad news of Jesus' empty tomb.

2. THE CHIEF PRIESTS CONSPIRED WITH THE ELDERS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM (28:12 -14).

a. The chief priests conspired to bribe the guards (28:12).

b. The conspirators instructed the guards to lie (28:13).

c. The conspirators assured the guards of their safety (28:14).

3. THE GUARDS AGREED TO THE CONSPIRACY WITH SURPRISING SUCCESS (28:15).**4. APPLICATIONS:**

(1) We are never more like Satan than when we lie; let us then give ourselves wholeheartedly to God's truth.

(2) If we do not believe and apply the truth, we will believe and apply a lie.

(3) Man's unbelief cannot stop God's eternal purpose in Christ.

CONCLUSION: