

THE MESSAGE OF THE STONE

Matthew 28:2

I. _____ stone that is shaken

Earthquakes speak of God's power: egs: Exod. 19:18;
Psm 18:4-7; Haggai 2:6-7

Japan 3/11/11: entire nation moved 13' east; 35' waves
The **Resurrection** was ultimate display of His power:
Eph 1:19-20

II. _____ stone removed

The sealed stone to the tomb is flung aside!
To show that death could not keep Jesus.
Since He paid sin's debt in full, death has no hold over Him—
or any who are united to Him by faith

III. _____ stone speaks victory

Stones at Jordan: so you will know (Josh 4:1-9) and all the
earth will know (Josh 4:20-24) that the Hand of the Lord is
mighty so they will fear Him forever (cf. Matt 28:18-20)

But no one knows what happened to this stone; focus was all
on risen Jesus

IV. _____ stone of our Faith

If the resurrection is true, you can rest with every other
problem in your life that does not make sense

Never heard the argument: Yes, Jesus rose from the dead,
but Christianity is still not true. They stand or fall together.

V. _____ stone that divides and crushes

Divided the guards and the women: terror v joy

I Peter 2:8 (cf. Matt 21:42-44) crushes God's enemies in that
Last Day

VI. _____ stone for all

Angel sat on it. Whole atmosphere of resurrection is rest and
peace. John 19:30: It is finished! Now all is at rest....

Eph 1:19-20 raised Christ and seated Him (cf. Psm 110:1) →
you and I seated with Him (Eph 2:6)

Is your soul at rest this morning?

What does the Stone say to you this Easter morning?