Bible Study: Standing Against Deception

Scripture Focus: Matthew 28:11–15

Overview of Study

This study reveals the great cover-up surrounding the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Instead of accepting the miracle of the risen Savior, the leaders created a lie to protect their power and position. The same spirit of deception continues today, and believers are called to stand firm in truth, not fear.

/ Key Points

- Deception surrounding Jesus' resurrection was intentional and well-funded.
- Lies often take root when people fear losing control or status.
- The spirit of deception began in the Garden of Eden and continues today.
- The world often rebrands sin to make it more acceptable.
- Truth doesn't change even when culture tries to redefine it.
- As believers, we are responsible for standing up for the truth of the gospel.

Reflective Questions

- 1. Why do you think people chose to believe the lie instead of the truth about Jesus?
- 2. Have you ever felt pressure to stay quiet when you knew the truth?
- 3. What are some modern lies or "rebranding's" you've seen in culture that go against biblical truth?
- 4. In what areas of your life do you need to replace deception with truth?
- 5. How can you be more prepared to "give an account for the hope" that is within you?

Action Steps

- **Identify** one area in your life where the world's narrative has challenged God's truth.
- Write down a verse that reinforces God's truth in that area.
- Commit to sharing your personal testimony with one person this week.
- **Pray daily** for discernment and boldness to speak truth with grace.

• **Memorize** 1 Peter 3:15 — "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer..."

Conclusion

The resurrection of Jesus is not just a moment in history—it's the truth that gives us hope, identity, and purpose. The world may try to cover it up, rebrand it, or deny it, but the truth stands firm. As followers of Christ, we must be truth-tellers in a world full of deception.