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“How do we know the Easter story is True?” Pt. 2
Matthew 28:11-15
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“As they were on their way, some of the guards came into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² After the priests had assembled with the elders and agreed on a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money ¹³ and told them, “Say this, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole Him while we were sleeping.’ ¹⁴ If this reaches the governor’s ears, we will deal with him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been spread among Jewish people to this day.” (28:11-15)

A. Practical Problems with Stealing the Body

1. **The Guard**
2. **Pilate’s Response**
3. **The Stone**
4. **The Religious Leaders’ Plot**

B. Historical Problems of a Stolen Body (‘I’m Glad You Asked’-Ken Boa/Larry Moody)

1. **Christ predicted His own resurrection** (Matt. 20:38-40; Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:33-34; Luke 9:22; John 2:18-22; 10:17).
2. **The use of women as the key witnesses.**
3. **His disciples were changed from fearful to bold. All but one died a martyr’s death.**
4. **Success of the early church, especially in Jerusalem.**
5. **Shift from Saturday to Sunday worship.**

6. **The ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.**
7. **The complete disregard for the tomb of Jesus by the first century church.**
8. **The conversion of his opponents after the resurrection esp. James and Paul.**

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