

**Series: What Did Jesus Do?**  
**Message: The Essence of Easter**  
**Text: Matthew 28:1-10 (am 4/08/07)**

Easter has forever changed the landscape of human history. You may ignore it or even try to deny it, but no one will escape its impact.

**I. Easter's Evidence – *He is risen!* (1-6a)**

*Evidence so convincing it commands our acceptance.*

- The evidence of His Crucifixion.
- The evidence of His Creation.
- The evidence of His Church.

**II. Easter's Embrace – *Come, see!* (6b)**

*An experience so compelling it commands our affection.*

- Consider the lessons.
- Celebrate His love.
- Call Him Lord.

**III. Easter's Edict – *Go quickly and tell!* (7-10)**

*An encounter so transforming it commands our attention.*

- It's a commandment.
- It's compelling.
- He's given us a companion.

**Application to life:** History hinges on the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our hope of everlasting life rests in the story of Easter. Today the Father provides an opportunity for His story to become your story. All that's required is *humble repentance and genuine faith*.