

Eruption of Mt. St. Helen's May 18, 1980



Destruction and Devastation of Volcanic Blast of Mt. St. Helen's May 1980





While hope appeared buried;

It was just the Beginning!

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Matthew 28:1-8

Easter confronts <u>our fears</u> and offers us <u>JOY</u>

"The power of the resurrection means that nothing but the tomb is meant to be empty."

Beth Moore



Faith is the response to Easter

"Now faith is being <u>sure</u> of what we hope for and <u>certain</u> of what we do not see" / Hebrews 11:1

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved"

Romans 10:9

Declare that Jesus is Lord;

- by the things you say &
- The things you do.

Let go of the past, embrace your identity in Jesus

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT