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So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."

the Jews to this day. (Matthew 28: 8-15)

The Resurrection is first announced by women whose testimony, at that time, had little worth. If the Gospels were not historical and truthful accounts, but made up stories, surely their authors would never have entrusted such an important announcement to women because they would have encountered mockery and misunderstanding. This proves once again that the evangelists did not invent their stories, but simply described the events as they actually occurred, even at the risk of not being believed. We believe in the Gospel today because we have experienced it truly in our lives, but also because of its unquestionable historical credibility.