

Chapter 28

He rifeth againe the third day, & (the blind moft obftinate Iewes by bribery working to their owne reprobation) he appeareth to his Difciples in Galilee (as both before his Pafsion he foretold them Mat. 26. and now after his Refurrection, firft the Angel, then alfo himfelf appointed by the women) 18. and fendeth them to al Nations, to build his Church among the Gentils.

Mr. 16, 1.

Luc. 24, 1.

Io. 20, 1.

And in the euening of the Sabbath which dawneth on the firft of the Sabbath, came Marie Magdalene, and the other Marie to fee the fepulchre. ² And behold there was made a great earth-quake. For an Angel of our Lord defcended from Heauen: and comming, roled back the ftone, and fate vpon it: ³ and his countenance was as lightning, and his garment as fnow. ⁴ And for feare of him, the watchmen were frighted, and became as dead. ⁵ And the Angel anfwering faid to the women: Feare not you. For I know that you feeke IESVS that was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he is rifen, as he faid. Come and fee the place where our Lord was laid. ⁷ And going quickly tel ye his Difciples that he is rifen: and behold he goeth before you into Galilee: there you fhall fee him. Loe I haue foretold you.

EASTER day.

Mt. 24, 32.

⁸ And they went forth quickly out of the monument with feare and great ioy, running to tel his Difciples. ⁹ And behold IESVS met them, faying: Al haile. But they came neere and tooke hold of his feet, and adored him. ¹⁰ Then IESVS faid to them: Feare not. Goe, tel my brethren that they goe into Galilee, there they fhall fee me.

¹¹ Who when they were departed, behold certaine of the watchmen came into the citie, and told the chiefe Priests al things that had been done. ¹² And being affembled together with the Ancients, taking counfel, they gaue a great fumme of money to the fouldiars, ¹³ faying: Say you, that his Difciples came by night, and ftole him away when we were afleep. ¹⁴ And if the Prefident

shal heare of this, we wil perſuade him, and make you ſecure. ¹⁵ But they taking the money, did as they were taught. And this word was bruited abroad among the Iewes, euen vnto this day.

¹⁶ And the eleuen Diſciples went into Galilee, vnto the mount where IESVS had appointed them. ¹⁷ And ſeeing him they adored, but ſome doubted. ¹⁸ And IESVS comming neere ſpake vnto them, ſaying: Al power is giuen to me in Heauen and in earth. ¹⁹ ¶going therefore teach ye al Nations: BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SONNE, AND OF THE HOLY GHOT, ²⁰ teaching them to obſerue al things whatſoever I haue cōmanded you: and behold I am ¶with you al daies, euen to the confummation of the world.

ANNOTATIONS

1 To ſee the Sepulcher) The deuout women came to viſit our Sauours ſepulcher, and for their deuotion firſt deſerued to know the Refurrection, and to ſee him riſen. The honour of the which Sepulcher, and the Pilgrimage thereunto in the Primitiue Church, S. Hierom declareth in theſe wordes: *The Iewes ſometime honoured Sancta Sanctorum, becauſe there were the Cherubs & the Propitiatorie, & the Arke of the Teſtament, Manna, Aarons rod, & the golden Altar. Doth not the Sepulcher of our Lord ſeeme vnto thee more honorable? Which as often as we enter into ſo often doe we ſee our Sauour lie in the findon & ſtaying there a while, we ſee the Angel againe ſit at his feet, & at his head the napkin wrapped together. The glorie of whoſe Sepulcher, we know was long prophecied before Iofeph hewed it out, by Eſay ſaying: And his reſt ſhal be honour, to wit, becauſe the place of our Lordes burial ſhould be honoured of al men.* And at this preſent, notwithstanding the Turkes dominion, yet doe the Religious Chriſtian Catholike men by Gods mighty prouidence keepe the holy Sepulcher, which is within a goodly Church, and Chriſtians come out of al the world in Pilgrimage to it.

19 Going therefore) Commiſſion to baptize and preach to al Nations giuen to the Apoſtles, and grounded vpon Chriſts ſoueraigne authority, to whom was giuen al power in Heauen and in earth.

20 With you al daies) Here Chriſt doth promiſe his concurrence with his Apoſtles & their Succeſſours, as wel in preaching as miniſtring the Sacraments, and his protection of the Church neuer to ceaſe til the worlds end: contrary to our Aduerſaries, ſaying

The holy Sepulcher, and Pilgrimage therunto.

The Catholike Church to be gathered of al Nations.

Chriſts continual protection of the ſame Church.

*In Ep. 17. Paulæ
& Euſtoch. ad
Marcel. to. 1.*

Eſa. 11.

that the Church hath failed many hundred yeares til Luther and Calvin.