CHRIST RESSURECTED IN A GRAND WAY: The night of the first day of the week had worn slowly away. The darkest hour, just before daybreak, had come. Christ was still a prisoner in His narrow tomb. The great stone was in its place; the Roman seal was unbroken; the Roman guards were keeping their watch. . . . “And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven.” . . . “His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.” Christ came forth from the tomb glorified, and the Roman guard beheld Him. Their eyes were riveted upon the face of Him whom they had so recently mocked and derided. In this glorified Being they beheld the prisoner whom they had seen in the judgment hall, the One for whom they had plaited a crown of thorns. This was the One who had stood unresisting before Pilate and Herod, His form lacerated by the cruel scourge. This was He who had been nailed to the cross, at whom the priests and rulers, full of self-satisfaction, had wagged their heads, saying, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save.” Matthew 27:42. 65.

EVEN THE ROMAN SOLDIERS TESTIFIED OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION: The soldiers see him removing the stone as he would a pebble, and hear him cry, Son of God, come forth; Thy Father calls Thee. They see Jesus come forth from the grave, and hear Him proclaim over the rent sepulcher, “I am the resurrection, and the life.” . . . Staggering like drunken men, they hurried on to the city, telling those whom they met the wonderful news. Trembling with fear, their faces colorless, they bore testimony to the resurrection of Christ. The soldiers told all, just as they had seen it; they had not had time to think or speak anything but the truth. . . . (A Call to Stand Apart, pp. 41 – 42; http://www.turnbacktogod.com/jesus-resurrection-easter.jpg; http://mmcelhaney.blogspot.com)