As SECURE As You CAN MAKE IT

Matthew 27:62-28:6

sar-casm \'sär-,ka-zəm\ noun

[1] the use of irony to mock, ridicule, deride, or convey contempt; [2] language that subverts its true meaning in order to be scathing or attacking; [3] a sharp, bitter, or cutting remark with scornful or humorous intent.



I wish we were better strangers.



Sometimes I need what only you can provide—your absence.



I'll always cherish the original misconception I had of you.



I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here.



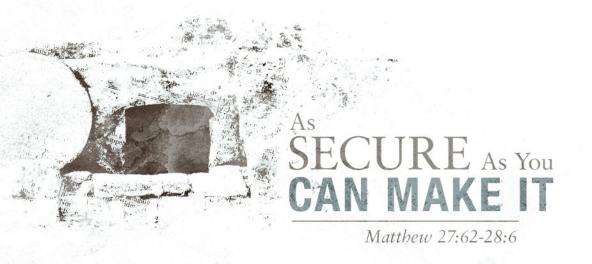
If you find it hard to laugh at yourself, I'd be happy to do it for you.



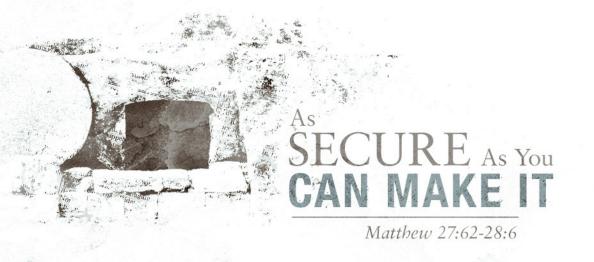
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They worship the ground he walks away from.



He has van Gogh's ear for music.



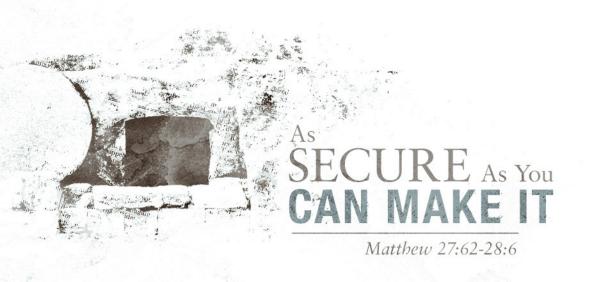
Psalm 115:5-7

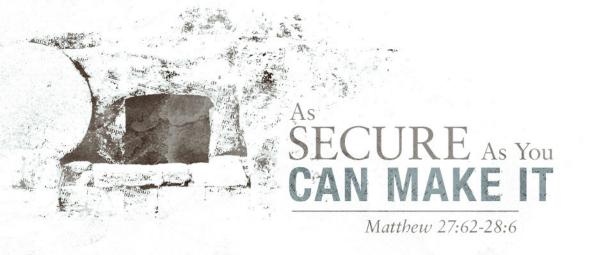
Their idols have mouths, but they cannot speak; eyes, but they cannot see; ears, but they cannot hear; noses, but they cannot smell; hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk.



1 Kings 18:27

"Surely Baal is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or relieving himself, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened."





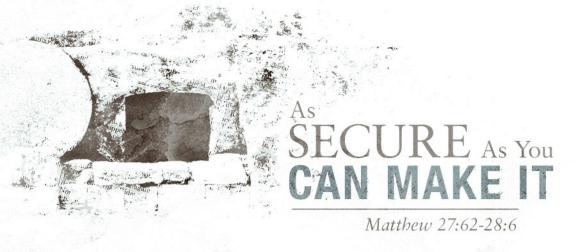
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- 3. The living men become like dead men while guarding the dead man who is alive.



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- 5. The religious leaders pay the Roman soldiers a bribe (in silver), which was a violation of Jewish law.



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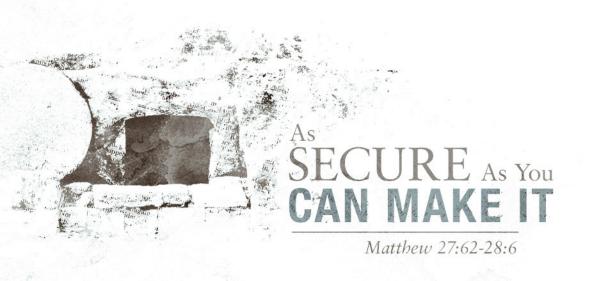


RESURRECTION gives us a holy defiance against our fears and our final enemy, death.



"Death Be Not Proud" by John Donne

Death be not proud, though some have called thee Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so; For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.



1 Corinthians 15:55

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"



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Romans 10:9-10

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.



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