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Matthew 28:1-10

In the late 1700s during the French Revolution, a noted statesman by the name of Talleyrand was approached by another Frenchman. He confided in Talleyrand his disappointment in failing to start a new religion which he felt would be an improvement on Christianity. He asked the statesman's advice as to what he should do.

Talleyrand replied that it was indeed difficult to found a new religion, so difficult that he hardly knew what to advise. "Still," he said after a moment's reflection, "there is one plan which you might at least try. I should recommend you be crucified and rise again on the third day."

In a parallel account of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, Luke recounts the angelic messengers asking the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5). Any effort to found a new religion in any era is as futile as it was for the women seeking Jesus at the empty tomb. Christianity has a living founder!

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