

## Matthew 28:1-15 The Kings Resurrection (The King and His Kingdom)

### Matthew is the gospel of the King

- A) the King revealed in chapters 1 through 10;
- B) the King resisted in chapters 11 through 13;  
1) the King retreating in chapters 14 through 20;
- C) the King rejected in chapters 21 through 27;
- D) and here in chapters 28—the King resurrected.  
1) Easter in December!!!
- E) No Rez – The Christmas Story is pointless!  
1) Just a nice story of a Baby born – Manager.

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 **And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord** descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His **countenance was like lightning**, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 *And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.* 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

**The first thing we want to note is we have these women coming to the tomb.**

A) Mary Mag – the other Mary- Mark’s gospel - the mother of James – and Salome – James/ John’s mom

- B) These are not discrepancies in the Bible but more one author choosing to focus in on a Character  
1) There were 3 women at the scene – there was this one wearing a red coat.....

C) Matthew’s Focus is Mary Mag – 7 Demons

**Mark and Luke tell us that these women came to the tomb bringing spices- hoping to Anoint - Why? –**

A) Nicodemus already used 100lbs – WED Night

B) Why do they need to apply More? Research  
1) The men DID it wrong! funny – Makes sense

C) Also interesting that the first people to hear that Jesus is Risen – are women!

**D) If men were simply writing this story – makes no sense write it that way – Why**

1) Because in that culture: Women were not allowed to testify in court – THAT CULTURE

**E) Their testimony was considered unreliable**

1) Jesus is always elevating women!!!

**The other gospels tell us – the conversation – of the women – how are we going to move the stone?**

A) 2-3 tons = 4-6 thousand lbs more than my Toyota Highlander

B) Stone is in a Channel – you have to push it up hill.

C) On their way there – earthquake – Angel from heaven – rolled away the stone!

1) Sitting on it – LOVE IT – JUST KICKING IT – Great picture – **what’s up**

D) There is a lesson in there for us

**Our road blocks become God’s miracles –**

A) Our obstacles become His resting places -

B) Whatever the road block in front of you today

1) God is not panicked – WHAT.....? HOW...?

C) Our obstacles are His opportunities to Show up  
1) To do a Miracle – to show Himself strong in our weakness!

D) The Angel kicking back - - picture – this was nothing for God!!! – NO PROBLEM

**Description of the Angel - 3 His countenance was like lightning, Bright and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.**

**Matthew 27 – the religious leaders asked Pilate for a Guard –**

A) A Roman guard was composed of 10-16 of Rome's finest fighters

B) These Guards are the equivalent to Delta force – Navy Seal team 6 – Commandos –

C) These guys are hard core – stationed in the biggest hotspot in the middle east.

1) They have seen INTENSE battle – Slaughter and Death

D) Earthquake happens and the Angel shows up

1) They are Shaking and Scared to death!!!! – They pass out – collapsed out of fear

**Now there are three statements that the Angel makes to these women that I want us to consider today**

A) Three statements – SERMON – Profound meaning for us – as believers in light of the REZ

B) Statement #1 DO NOT BE AFRAID:

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.

C) The Resurrection of Jesus teaches us that there is no need to fear!

**I don't have to fear my past –**

A) Sins are Forgiven and Forgotten

B) Jesus came to take away sins – The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **John 1:29**

C) That is what His death accomplished – Sins taken away – **Far as the East is from the West – GONE!**

1) Forgiven forgotten – made new

D) This time of the year we celebrate the birth of Christ – the coming of Jesus into the world

1) The Apostle John in his epistle – tells us exactly why he came into the world

1 John 3:5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins...

**Listen if there is no Resurrection – those are worthless statements**

A) **But if Jesus did Rise: Changes everything!!!!**

B) The Fact that Jesus Rose – proving he was exactly who He claimed to be –

C) God in Human flesh!

- The only way to Heaven
- The only way to have a relationship with God
- the only one – who can take away our sins

D) So I don't need to be tripped up plagued by or afraid of **my past** - Forgiven – forgotten –

E) Your - Past: 40 yrs ago – Past 20 yrs ago – Past 2 days ago – Past 2 hrs ago –

1) Covered by the blood

**Because Jesus is Risen – I don't have to fear the Present!**

A) Life throws us curve balls – life is full of challenges

<sup>33</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

B) The one who made that promise is our Risen King

1) Our Risen King also made us this promise

For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup> So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper;

*I will not fear. What can man do to me?”*

Hebrews 13:5

C) He is Alive: He is with Me – Living IN ME

**D) Never leave me or forsake me!**

1) I don't have to fear the present because – whatever this world throws at me is no match for Him!

<sup>4</sup> You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

**He who is with me and in Me – is going to see me through the difficulties**

A)When a relationship crumbles/ the Job that I love disappears

B)When the diagnosis comes in that I didn't want to hear

1)Jesus inside you – whispers to your heart – I HAVE GOT THIS – I HAVE GOT YOU!

C)He is going to show up!

D)Because He is RISEN: I don't have to fear my past – I don't have MY PRESENT

**I Don't have to fear – THE FUTURE!**

A)I don't have to be afraid of Death –

*<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

*<sup>8</sup> We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:6-8*

**B)When I look at this world and it just seems like it is getting more crazy by the day**

1)I find myself wondering - Where is all this craziness in our world heading?

C)Jesus is coming back – JESUS WINS!!!

**D)I don't need to freak out – I can do exactly what He told me to do!**

1)Stay Busy about the Kingdom – Look for ways to make an impact – until he comes

E)Confidence – I know how this ends!

1)I know how the story is going

**Think of it this way: What if you knew your team was going to win the super bowl**

A)Not watch ? No! But you are relaxed –

B)They get behind 30 points at half time it is Ok – I know how this ends

1)Exciting: How are they going to pull this off ?

C) Greatest comeback in History!!!

1)Edge of your seat with excitement

**My wife likes watching Hallmark movies – Me not so much – No one dies – nothing blows up**

A)Tons for Christmas- Gotten better

B)In every Hallmark movie – Midway you know...going

C) She is going to end up with him –

1)The question is - How is it going to happen?

**D)They have done better with the stories – I can tolerate it now{ Don't tell anyone:**

1)SOME I even enjoy!!!! Good story – well Written

**Cool seeing how that came together!**

**The Resurrection reminds us that there is nothing that we need to fear about the Future**

A) We just need to enjoy the Ride – Risen Savior – beat death – beat Satan – He has got this

B)He has got me – RELAX – REJOICE – ENJOY THE RIDE

C)So the first point of the Angels sermon was – Fear Not – Don't be afraid

**2<sup>nd</sup> Point – Come and see!**

A)In other words he was inviting the women to **examine** the evidence – (The word See means)

B)The There is not a body in this tomb.

1)That is important to do! –

*And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.*

**1 Corinthians 15:14**

C)This is worthless – Worship is just singing – no point to any of this

*And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! V.17*

**D)Still lost in Sin — still separated from God - still going to hell**

*And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. NLT V.19*

E)Those crazy Christians – poor misguided souls

**Important to examine the evidence: Sophomore year: Know what you believe and Why?**

A) Reliability of the Bible – God breathed – not made up by man

B) Reality of the Resurrection! Empty tomb –  
1) How can we know for sure?

C) Wrong tomb? – Produce the Right tomb!!!

D) Swoon theory – Really ?  
1) No idea of Crucifixion

**A person wrote to an advice columnist:**

My college professor said that Jesus didn't really die on the cross.... Passed out .... Coolness of the tomb revived him.. Your thoughts

**She responded:** Let's take your college Prof and Beat him senseless while blind folded

**Beat him with Roman whip....glass....** – until his body is completely ripped to shreds

Then we will nail him to a cross for 6 hrs and **watch him bleed** –

Then we will take a spear and stick thru his heart  
Stick him in a CAVE– seal it with A 3 ton stone and put some armed guards outside

Then Lets see what happens

Swoon theory is ridiculous if you study the facts

**Then there is the very first response: here in the Bible – The Disciples stole the body!**

<sup>11</sup> Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. <sup>12</sup> When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' {How know? } <sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

**Now to believe that – you have to come to the conclusion that - Roman soldiers all fell asleep**

A) Worthy of death! – Philippian Jailer

B) The Disciples who were cowards and ran away when Jesus was arrested

1) Mustered the courage to go against 16 Roman soldiers - ROME'S FINEST

C) Conspired together to Lie about the Resurrection!

**D) Really, Believe that - These cowards came up with this plan? Why ?**

1) This didn't make them Popular –

**All died as Martyrs in different countries and NOT ONE – EVER CONFESSED THE LIE**

A) James was the first Martyr – Beheaded JERUSALEM

- Peter crucified upside down
- Bartholomew – crucified upside down in Albania
- Andrew the brother of Peter – Crucified
- Simon the Zealot and Thaddeus – crucified
- Phillip - shot full of Arrows
- Matthew – Skinned alive in Iran
- James the less – stoned and then clubbed to death
- Thomas – pierced through with spears
- John – boiled in oil – banished to Patmos

B) ALL they had to do to escape a brutal death was to admit – Jesus was NOT RISEN

**In the early part of this century, a group of lawyers met in England to discuss the biblical accounts of Jesus' resurrection.**

A) They wanted to see if sufficient information was available to make a case that would hold up in an English court of law.

B) When their study was completed, they published the results of their investigation.

- 1) They concluded that Christ's resurrection was one of the most well- established facts of all of history!

**C) In fact John Singleton Copley, one of the greatest legal minds in British history and three times High Chancellor of England, wrote,**

*"I know pretty well what evidence is, and I tell you, such evidence as that for the resurrection has never broken down yet."*

**D)** In his book, **Countdown**, G. B. Hardy has given us some thought-provoking questions about the resurrection.

- 1) *"There are but two essential requirements:*
  1. Has anyone cheated death and proved it?
  2. Is it available to me

**E) Here is the complete record:** Confucius' tomb - occupied. Buddha's tomb -- occupied. Mohammed's tomb -- occupied. **Jesus' tomb -- empty**

*The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a reality & Countless changed lives testify that it's a fact -- not a fable!*

**See the author of Christianity made a daring move – He placed all His eggs in one Basket. –**

**A)He played winner takes all with the Devil – God Staked everything on this one Miraculous event –**

**B) If Jesus Failed, if He didn't rise again from the dead,**

1)He would be ignored & ridiculed – He would fade off into obscurity

**C) But if He succeeded He would win the right to be**

**WORSHIPPED FOREVER !!!!!**

**So the empty tomb says to the Philosopher: Explain this event if you can ! / It says to the Historian Refute this event if you can**

**A)It says to the Scientist: Repeat this event if you can & And to the Skeptic Blot out this event if you can !!!**

**B) And to all of us – BELIEVE THIS EVENT IF YOU WILL!!!!**

**Statement #3 – Go and tell!**

<sup>7</sup>And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is

risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

<sup>9</sup> And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. **Go and tell My brethren** to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

**The Reality of the Resurrection – means that we have great news to share!- He is Risen**

**Death is no longer a prison, but a passage into God's presence. Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there."**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1:3-5

**That is your Destiny – Believer:**

**A)Not that can be yours today if you simply respond to the invitation – Come!!!**

**B)Believe – He is Risen**

1)Sins forgiven – guilt removed

**Respond today**

**C)CHURCH – message to share!**

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. NIV

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