

# **Behold Your King!**

*Studies in the Gospel of Matthew*

## **The King Lives!**

**Matthew 28**

**Lesson 22**

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# The Gospel of Matthew

- ▶ Begins with Abraham and David
- ▶ Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 12
  - Blessing
  - Great Nation
  - Gentiles blessed
  - Abraham's Son
- ▶ Davidic Covenant – 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17
  - An eternal Kingdom
  - David's Son is the eternal King

# The Gospel of Matthew

- ▶ The book of the history of Jesus Christ
- ▶ Two Divisions – Matthew 1:1-16:20 and 16:21 -28:20
  - Who is Jesus – Christ, the Son of the Living God
  - What is He doing – Dying, Rising and Reigning
- ▶ The King with credentials and authority (28:18)
  - The spiritual Kingdom – the necessity of righteousness
  - The hidden Kingdom – a coming age of the Spirit
  - The Holy Kingdom on earth – the Blessed Hope (Titus 2:11-14)

# The work of Christ – Matthew 26-28

- ▶ Blameless but accused of blasphemy and rebellion
- ▶ Non-theological presentation
- ▶ Death – a sinner without mercy (Ephesians 2:12)
  - 27:43 – Let God deliver Him now, if he desires Him
  - 27:46 – “My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?”
- ▶ Burial
  - Buried in new tomb of the rich – Isaiah 53:8-10a
  - Enemies pondered resurrection fraud and set guard; friends had no clue!
- ▶ Resurrection
  - Unwitnessed event
  - Matthew selects 4 seemingly mundane incidents to report
  - Leaves us to ponder and apply in context of his Gospel

# Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- ▶ Opposition to the truth of the resurrection
- ▶ Acts 4:2 – Peter and John arrested for preaching the resurrection
- ▶ Acts 17:32 – on Mars Hill – mocked the resurrection
- ▶ Rudolf Bultmann (influential theologian in 20<sup>th</sup> century)  
“A historical fact which involves a resurrection from the dead is utterly inconceivable.”

# Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- ▶ Contemporary neglect
- ▶ Resurrection is absolutely necessary to the Gospel Truth
  - 1 Corinthians 15:2-5 – “Gospel by which you are being saved . . . Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”
  - 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17, 20 – no resurrection of Christ, your faith is vain
  - Our resurrection requires His resurrection

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# Resurrection Discovered

- ▶ Unwitnessed
- ▶ Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James, Salome (Mark 16:1), Joanna and the other women (Luke 24:10)
- ▶ Angels in action – rolled stone away from the entrance
- ▶ Deathly fear by guards – became as dead men
- ▶ Explanation to the women
  - Fear not – natural response of all to glory of God
  - Crucified Jesus is risen “as He said”
  - He is going before them into Galilee
- ▶ Women depart quickly with fear and great joy to tell the disciples

# Jesus appears to the women (28:9-10)

- ▶ After Peter and John came to the tomb, and after Jesus appeared to *Mary Magdalene*
- ▶ Worship – resurrection declares His deity (Romans 1:4)
  - Magi (2:2-11); disciples after Jesus walked on water (14:33)
  - Satan’s temptation (4:9-10); vain worship (15:9)
- ▶ Fear not
- ▶ Command – tell His “brothers” to meet Him in Galilee
  - Matthew 28:7
  - Matthew 26:32 – 4th prediction of His death

# Report of the Guard (28:11-15)

- ▶ Unique to Matthew
- ▶ Clear testimony – earthquake and angel
- ▶ Suppressed the truth in unrighteousness
- ▶ Exceeds the worst fears of Jewish leaders (Matthew 27:62-66)
- ▶ A vain lie – futile attempt to prevent the claim of resurrection
- ▶ Compare the power of preaching
  - Peter in Acts 2 – presented Word of God (O.T.)
  - The proper response to a lie – 28:19-20

# The Great Commission (28:16-20)

- ▶ Mountain in Galilee
  - Matthew 4:12-17 – Galilee selected because of prophecy
  - Isaiah 9:1-7
    - The great light
    - Galilee of the nations – prediction of universal Gospel as outcome of the first coming of Christ
    - Universal Government from the Throne of David.
- ▶ Worship and doubt

# The Great Commission (28:16-20)

- ▶ All authority belongs to Jesus Christ
  - He is Universal King – no alternate authority
  - King of creation – the Creator – an eternal creation (Isaiah 45:18)
  - Death (1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Romans 8:19-21, 23)
- ▶ Go to all nations and make disciples
  - Baptize – union with Christ (1 Peter 3:21)
  - Teach – obedience of faith
- ▶ Promise: with you to the end of the age
  - Implies a coming age – Hope of the Holy Kingdom
  - Implies life of faith – Hope in the Hidden Kingdom

# The Doctrine of the Resurrection

- ▶ An early heresy – Gnosticism – deny the body
  - Contemporary modification – spiritual existence eternally
  - Irenaeus Against Heresies
- ▶ An ancient truth
  - Job 19:20-27
  - Matthew 22:23-32 with Exodus 3:6
  - Psalm 16
  - Daniel 12:2 (John 5:29)

# The Resurrection in Acts

- ▶ Criterion for apostleship (Acts 1:22)
- ▶ The early Gospel (Acts 4:2, 33)
- ▶ Peter proclaims resurrection (Acts 2:24, 31-32)
- ▶ Paul's sermon in Antioch (Acts 13:26-41)
- ▶ Paul's sermon in Athens on Mars Hill (Acts 17:18, 31-32)
- ▶ Paul's defense before Felix (Acts 24:15, 21)

# Paul Teaches the Resurrection

- ▶ Romans 6:4-6 – union with Christ Who is alive
- ▶ Romans 8:11 – resurrection power
- ▶ Romans 8:18-23 – creation freed by resurrection
- ▶ Romans 10:9 – object of faith
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:4 –the Gospel
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17 – Christ’s resurrection is essential
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:52 – our bodies will be raised imperishable
- ▶ Ephesians 2:6 – raised with Him
- ▶ Philippians 3:10-11 – power of his resurrection
- ▶ Colossians 2:12; 3:1 – raised with Him



# Peter Teaches the Resurrection

- ▶ 1 Peter 1:3 – living hope through resurrection
- ▶ 1 Peter 1:21 – God raised Him from the dead so faith and hope are in God
- ▶ 1 Peter 3:18-19 – made alive in the Spirit
- ▶ 1 Peter 3:21 – baptism now saves – appeal to God . . . through resurrection of Jesus

# The Resurrection

- ▶ A real resurrection
  - Essential to the plan of God
  - Victory over the final enemy
  - Our resurrection requires His resurrection
  - The restoration of creation demands the termination of death which is the ultimate power of the curse.
- ▶ God is the God of the living
  - The Creator – no superior power
  - The Redeemer – must destroy the power of the curse
- ▶ No resurrection means no Gospel (1 Corinthians 15)