

▼ **Call Him King!**

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• **Matthew 28 (NIV)**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

• **Jesus rose from the dead** (resurrection **always** involves a physical body)!

▶ **Understand Jesus' "back story"**.

▼ **Why Jesus' resurrection matters:**

- God sent Jesus to rescue Israel; He died to save them, and rose to rule the world.
- God rescues us on his terms: following Jesus with his people (the church) as they demonstrate God's Kingdom.
- Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth NOW! Get aligned!

▼ **Following Jesus** (many terms describe the same experience):

- Believer - someone who believes in or has faith in Jesus and therefore follows him.  
John 4:39-41; Acts 2:44-47; Acts 4:31-32; Galatians 6:9-10; James 2:1
- Born again - those who believe in Jesus are born again from God's Spirit. You must be born again to see or enter the Kingdom of God.  
John 3:1-21
- Christian - means "belonging to Christ"  
"The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" - Acts 11:19-26
- Disciples - those who are trained by the one they are following.  
Matthew 5:1-2; Acts 6:1-7; Acts 9:1-31; Acts 11:19-26; Acts 18:23
- Saints - those who are "sanctified", or set apart for God's use.  
Romans 1:1-8; Ephesians 1:1-2; Philippians 1:1-2
- Saved - those who by following Jesus have been rescued from this world and God's wrath.  
Luke 8:12; Luke 8:4-15; John 10:1-9; Acts 2:17-21; Acts 4:8-12; Romans 10:1-13
- Those who belong to Jesus (i.e. "Christians") hear his voice and follow him, empowered by the Holy Spirit.  
John 10:22-30; John 14:15-31; John 16:5-16
- Only those who follow Jesus in a public, verifiable way are Christians. Merely going to church or claiming to follow Jesus is not enough!  
Matthew 7:21-29; Matthew 21:28-32; Acts 5:1-11

▼ **The Gospel** (Good News):

- God loves us and gave us a good world to take care of.  
Genesis 1 - 2; Exodus 34:4-7; Numbers 14:17-20; Psalm 8; Psalm 107; John 3:16-21
- We turned away from God - breaking ourselves, and the world he gave us.  
Genesis 3 - 6; Romans 1:18 - 3:20; Romans 8:22-23
- God chose Israel to bless the world, but they turned away too.  
Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 53; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Acts 6:8 - 7:60; 8:18-21
- God sent Jesus to rescue Israel as their King; He died to save them, and rose from the dead to rule the world.  
Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 4:14-21; John 17; Acts 2:1-36; Acts 10; 13:13-43; Romans 1:1-6; Romans 3:21 - 5:11; Ephesians 1:3-10; Philippians 2:1-11; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1; Hebrews 2:10-18
- God rescues us on his terms: following Jesus with his people (the church) as they demonstrate God's Kingdom.  
Matthew 4:12-22; Matthew 9:9-13; Matthew 17:1-8; Luke 9:23-25; John 6:25-71; John 10:22-30; Acts 2:38-47; Acts 4:8-12; Acts 15:1-35; Acts 17:16-34; Acts 26; 2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:2

▼ **Reflection Questions**

- Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead?
- What are you going to do with Jesus?

▼ **Eternal Life Begins Now! (Eva Clarke)**

- **John 3:16**
- **John 17:3**