

Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings

He Is Risen From The Dead

Matthew 28:1-10

Recap:

- Palm Sunday, Hosanna, Donkey, Coming King - prophecy fulfilled
- Communion/Lord's Supper, Betrayal, Arrest, Trial, Crucifixion

The King of Kings

It seems that the most controversial and most influential world leaders have assassination attempts (and assassinations)

The King of Kings should be no different

In fact, it's probably because we're in His image

All of history is HIS story

Remember Pilate had this inscription nailed

Matthew 27:37 NKJV - And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Easter

- Bunnies?
- Chocolate eggs?
- Spring colors?
- Babylonian, Ishtar, fertility

Passover

- Israelites in Egypt
- Blood of spotless lamb on the door
- Unleavened bread, sandals on, ready to go
- Doorposts, firstborn killed throughout the land

Resurrection

- Sin taken away at the cross - *far as the east is from the west Ps 103:12*
- Spotless lamb of God (remember Abraham and Isaac)
- Blood covers us from death, resurrection gives us new life (baptism symbolism)

Do you believe in the resurrection?

Literally, coming back to life after death? Think about it for a minute.

Not just resuscitation. Many have had that.

But dead. Gone. No chance.

Lazarus in grave for four days, would eventually die again

(must not have been fun)

Matthew 27:50-53 NKJV - And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Colossians 1:15-23 NKJV - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. **And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.** For it pleased [the Father that] in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight-- if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Doubters, swooning

Don't understand the depth of scourging, the cross, time in the grave

On the third day (not three days)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday rose

The implication on the resurrection and the forgiveness of our sins:

It's not just a belief about whether he's still alive,
but whether our sins are forgiven,
whether we have hope in this life and the next

A resurrected Jesus is an alive Jesus.

An alive Jesus is one who can talk with us.

Interact with us.

Work on our behalf.

Is our faith alive? Is it dead?

Does it rely on dead things or the living God?

Do we really believe it?

Life and church affected by it

It should affect and effect everything

An encounter this week at Costco

He is risen. He is risen indeed.

[Pray]

28:1

Sabbath - day of rest, Saturday

First day of the week, Sunday

Women coming to the tomb

Sensitive, looking to be close to Him, take care of the grave site

Not expecting resurrection

Remember, the disciples kept missing it when Jesus would talk about the resurrection

"Rebuilding the temple"

They note in the gospels that it wasn't until after He was resurrected they realized he told them many, many times

Coming at dawn

The pain of losing a loved one. Losing sleep. Not able to sleep. Bothered.

:2-7

Another great earthquake

Earthquakes, aftershocks.

There is a fault there, several per year.

But I don't believe these were normal earthquakes.

They were related to spiritual events.

Something we'll see in The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And other times in the Bible, like the flood

Not every physical event has a spiritual meaning - but it shouldn't be overlooked

An angel descended from heaven

Didn't just show up - they saw him come down and clear he was not from earth

Rolled the stone away no problem

Great strength. Probably took at least a few, large men to put it in place

The spirit realm is much greater than the physical

So no, God cannot create a rock too big for Him to lift

Countenance like lightning, clothing white as snow

Remember Jesus' clothing in the transfiguration?

Lighting - bright, electric, glowing

This would and should be terrifying to see

When God's messenger shows up there are two responses:

- Deep fear and death-like reaction to those who don't know Him
- A message of peace and not of fear for those who seek Him

Guards shook for fear and became like dead - they passed out.

If anything is slain in the spirit, this is it - and it's not for friends of God.

I like that the angel scared the wits out of the big, tough, Roman soldiers

But the women, they didn't have to be afraid.

God revealing what happened to women first

Women's place in society

Word not trusted

God didn't care what society would say - just like with the shepherds

Also great because of the depth of responsibility on women for the fall and childbirth and then brining the messiah and now hearing of his resurrection

Could the men have heard first, too? Sure. But they weren't right there. John tells us some weren't far but others were back in Galilee.

**They weren't expecting Jesus to be resurrected - but they were there to seek Him.
Give anything just to be near to their Lord once again**

John 20:11-13, 17NKJV - But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down [and looked] into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." ... Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and [to] My God and your God.' "

Some differences between Matthew's account and Johns, but I think it's in the timing and details - a general event in Matthew with more detail and timing in John

**What is the command for those who have seen Jesus risen?
Have seen the empty tomb?
To go and tell the others.**

**This news was not to be kept secret.
This is the proclamation from then until His return:
He is Risen from the Dead**

Fear and great joy
Seriously. What an event. What emotion. What shock and awe.

:9-10

As they went...Jesus met them
Has God or his messenger told you to do something? Go somewhere? Be obedient.
As a believer, that is where Jesus will meet you.

**Don't hang back from doing what is right. Go and do it in faith.
All we have to do is tell what we have seen.**

**That is the Christian's source of life - the resurrection of Jesus
And the message we proclaim**

There they will see Me

Jesus promises to reveal himself to the other disciples as well

(many hundreds over the next 40 days)

**His ministry was not to the unbelievers (in a sense) during this time
It was to his disciples.**

**To give them the hope and assurance of the resurrection
The opportunity for their faith to be made complete.**

Is your faith complete?

Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins?

That he rose from the grave?

If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth - you will be saved

Salvation is life after sin

A New creation

And the hope in the assurance of the life to come

John 14:1-6 NKJV - "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. "In My Father's house are many mansions; if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, [there] you may be also. "And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

The resurrection means death is done

Death is over

And we're free to truly live and go to be with our Father in heaven.

Forever.

(Song: Behold)

Closing Prayer