

Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings

All Authority (Go Therefore)

Matthew 28:11-20

Reread :1-10

<p>The resurrection on a Sunday - the third day</p> <p>Acts 20:7 (met on first day of week), Romans 14:5 (considers all days alike)</p>	<p>Great earthquake...aftershock? Nope, angel from heaven.</p> <p>How many physical events to we write off? The spirit world is not ether, it has great effect on our physical world. It's more real than ours, not less.</p>
<p><u>Guards</u> became like dead men Big strong guys shaken to faint, pass out, fall over (remember this for later)</p> <p>The effect of the resurrection to those perishing</p>	<p>The <u>women</u> there told to go tell the disciples</p> <p>Jewish/Ancient culture: wouldn't tell a woman But God does!</p> <p>Different gender roles, same value to God.</p>
<p>Jesus meets the ladies - a gardener? Back to the garden!</p>	<p>The benefit of going around where you last saw Jesus. Where you know He should be found.</p> <p>Is Him revealing Himself to you! <i>James 4:8a</i></p>

[Pray]

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<p>Some of the guards get up, some go to tell what had happened</p> <p>The others? Knocked out? Went elsewhere?</p> <p><u>The gospel advances, even through the witness of unbelievers</u></p>	<p>Hush money</p> <p>Leaders Guarantee their lives and livelihood Why? Soldiers were afraid of pilate, of being punished or worse <i>Roman guard rules - sleep death penalty</i></p> <p>Ultimate evil: knowing the truth and keeping the truth hidden to maintain power</p>
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<p>If they had believed in the resurrection</p> <p>they wouldn't have cared about their lives They'd have known eternal life</p>	<p>Interesting that they didn't - despite the direct evidence. Despite the angel. The earthquake. The terror.</p> <p>No doubt some likely believed and followed</p>
<p>How many do we know have rejected the truth, despite all the evidence?</p>	<p>Salvation is not an intellectual exercise. Intellect can accept or reject. But it stems from the heart It's a heart issue</p>
<p>It's where The King's kingdom resides</p> <p>the temple of the body on the alter of the hearts of men</p> <p><i>Pepperoni pizza</i></p>	<p><u>The power and pull of money</u> Commonly said today - lies and rumors live on, they <u>spread sometimes faster than the truth</u></p> <p>Political "Get out in front of it" moment Follow the money</p>

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<p>The focus of today's message... Matthew really wraps up his gospel after the resurrection</p> <p><i>Maybe he wasn't around as much as the other guys we see, fishing, in the rooms, etc.</i></p> <p>What a sad thing if he missed out on all the other times Jesus showed up</p>	<p>Don't miss out on what God is doing. Where He is. Being a vital part of His church.</p> <p><i>Early walk:</i> <i>Not skipping out on a thing after meeting Jesus. Sun, Wed, Fri, studies, get-togethers, events. Ministry. Wanting to be a part of everything Jesus was doing. Eventually had to learn to say no to things.</i></p>
<p><u>If we're honest...</u>is there more God has for us to be involved with?</p> <p>More opportunities to be around Him and His church?</p> <p>What are our priorities?</p>	<p>If we look ahead to the end... and look back...</p> <p>Will we have been glad we did other things?</p> <p>Or will we have been glad we focused on doing anything and everything with the Lord?</p>

<p>Sad that it's the eleven here... Judas was one of them and he was gone. Yes, he betrayed. But it still hurts.</p> <p>1 John 2:19 - They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.</p> <p><u>But Jesus had a plan.</u></p>	<p>Acts - a new apostle Apostle - messenger, sent out with orders</p> <p>...Matthias and a dice roll- not doing things with God's spirit</p> <p>...Saul set apart God, by His Spirit,</p> <p>Persecutor born again and sent out to transmit the gospel across the known world and time</p>
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Away to a mountain Jesus arranged for them

Fire drill, meeting place, backup locations

Do we have an arranged time and place with the Lord? Disciple -> discipline

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<p>When they saw...they worshipped - What eyes lead us to worship?</p> <p>When God comes through for us - when we see His provision - it's good to worship!</p> <p>But what about when we can't see it yet? Do we still worship?</p> <p>Which set of eyes do we rely on the most? Our physical or our spiritual?</p>	<p>It was Jesus! Anytime an angel of God (at least) shows up and people erroneously worship, he will correct them</p> <p>The resurrected body - not bound by physics. able to exist within physical bounds. <u>What a wondrous body we will inherit, too!</u></p> <p>Romans 7:24 - O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?</p>
<p>Some doubted...uncertainty/hesitation</p>	<p>Doubt is natural. Faith fixes doubting.</p>

John 20:24-31 - Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My

hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. **Do not be unbelieving, but believing.**" And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

<p>The resurrection could be a hard thing to believe!</p> <p>Death is so permanent, prevalent, powerful</p> <p>I think it's why we struggle with believing God is able - when we pray</p> <p>Not to be crazy about it, but to even ask</p> <p>Sometimes even wonder if he is listening</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 15:54-55 - So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"</p> <p>But He is able. He does listen. He is willing.. He's the true and LIVING God</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cross is the <u>work</u> of forgiveness. 2. Resurrection is <u>proof</u> we're forgiven (1 Cor 15:19 most pitiable) 3. The Holy Spirit the <u>guarantee</u>. 	<p>So don't doubt (unbelieve). Believe.</p> <p>When you doubt, bring it to God. He'll turn it into belief.</p> <p>Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.</p>

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<p>Jesus speaks to them.</p> <p>I love that there's more to him just showing up. He has something to say. Something for them to live for. To do with their lives. A word for them personally. And us to.</p> <p>The Bible is for <u>you</u>. The words are for <u>you</u>! Jesus has a Word for you!</p>	<p><i>Logos and rhema</i></p> <p>The great commission we're about to receive starts somewhere - <u>Jesus' authority.</u></p>
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Philippians 2:5-11 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

<p>Jesus authority comes from the Father. Given because of Jesus' obedience. Shown at the cross. No other name can contest Him.</p> <p>His authority extends everywhere Heaven, earth, under the earth Past, present, future All eternity</p>	<p>Revelation 5:13 - And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"</p> <p>& His authority had always been evident...</p>
<p>Matthew 7:28-29 - And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.</p>	<p>Matthew 21:23 - Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"</p>

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<p>And with that authority. What does he do? He sends The ones he bought with his blood at the cross.</p> <p>1 Corinthians 6:20 - For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.</p>	<p>Commission The act of granting certain powers or the authority to carry out a particular task or duty. The authority so granted. The matter or task so authorized</p> <p><i>Commissioned artwork</i> <i>Senate Committee</i></p>
<p>Go therefore... Therefore ... what is it there for?</p>	<p>Because Jesus died for the sins of the world Because God raised Him from the dead Because He has all authority</p> <p>If He sends, we go.</p>

<p>You and I have only one response if we believe - one <u>respons-ibility</u></p> <p><u>To go</u></p> <p>Not <u>TO</u> be saved. Not <u>TO</u> be approved. Not <u>TO</u> be accepted.</p>	<p>Because we're saved. Because He approves us to the Father by his blood. Because we're the accepted.</p> <p>To go and bring this good news to the world. To introduce them to Jesus - in us and through us.</p>
<p><u>He's already told us. Sent us. What are we waiting for?</u></p>	<p><i>Discussion with Byron & Chase</i> <i>The world doesn't wait, it goes</i> <i>We second-guess until it's too late</i></p>

<p>How do we do that? #1 Make disciples</p> <p>What's a disciple? A robe? A haircut?</p> <p>Discipuli - student Discipline</p> <p>A disciple is one who learns <u>from</u> Jesus (not about)</p>	<p>Matthew 11:29-30 - "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."</p> <p>John 14:26 - "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.</p>
<p>If you learn anything, learn it from Jesus!</p> <p>The Holy Spirit will teach you what He's saying!</p> <p><u>In doctrine but also in (life) application</u></p>	<p>Philippians 2:12-13 - Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.</p>

Cults and their books you must use to interpret

<p>Disciple is not just one who learns - attending a class, a few days a week then going back to their lives</p> <p>But one who follows Jesus - lives life with him - taught in word and in deed</p>	<p><i>Moses school of ministry</i> <i>Life with my pastor and others in ministry</i></p> <p>We're called to be disciples disciples make disciples. Are we just a student? Or a disciple?</p>
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<p>Remember - Jesus <u>called</u> the disciples They didn't enroll</p> <p>Being a Christian, living the Christian life - not a set of rules. It's relationship. Daily walking with the Lord - Intimate. Personal. Public. Evident</p> <p>The evidence if you're a disciple? John 13:35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."</p>	<p>It's not just teaching It's leading by example <i>The Word made flesh John 1:4</i></p> <p><i>Disciples made by teaching AND living</i></p> <p><i>Doing as I say AND I do</i> <i>Actions speak louder than words</i></p> <p>Originally called the Way Christians - little Christs (pejorative)</p>
<p>Disciples from where? From who? Of all nations!</p> <p>The 12(+1) were Jews They were called to call all</p> <p>Colossians 3:11 - where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.</p>	<p>Ephesians 4:4-6 - There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.</p> <p>Being a Christian isn't a western religion Even though it technically is a middle-eastern religion</p> <p>It's not supposed to be a religion at all. It's a resurrected life for all people.</p>
<p>Christianity is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Broader than all borders ● Lives in all languages ● Created for all cultures 	<p><i>It's just as relevant today in Western Montana as it is in China, as it was in 1920's France, as it was in first century Africa.</i></p> <p><i>If we move to Mars, it'll be just as relevant there as it is anywhere in the Universe.</i></p>
<p>The Command (duty) starts with Jesus' authority:</p> <p>#1 Make disciples #2 Baptize them</p> <p>Baptism NOT circumcision (Judaism) John's baptism of repentance (valid then)</p>	<p>John scolded pharisees coming to baptism but not having fruits of repentance</p> <p>Post resurrection baptism: identifying with Jesus' death & resurrection Baptism reveals being born again Immersion, submersion - how much Jesus' life do you want? How dead are/were you?</p>

Romans 6:1-11 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? **Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.** For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 2:11-12 - In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.**

1 Peter 3:21 - There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but **the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

Romans 10:8-10 - But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth **the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead**, you will be saved. **For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

<p>Heart believes in the RESURRECTION mouth confesses Jesus as LORD to salvation</p> <p>Believer Gets Baptized: why? conscience settled, action identifies with being born again</p> <p>Life lived after: in power of the Holy Spirit bears fruit as He sanctifies</p> <p>Born again - becoming children of the Father (not children of the devil any longer)</p>	<p><u>Disciples. Not just students.</u></p> <p><u>Born again. Dead then raised.</u> Not a good person. Not a religion.</p> <p>Baptized into who?</p> <p>Father - child of the Father Jesus - The author and finisher The Holy Spirit - our resurrected life giver</p>
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<p>Teaching them to obey all things that I have commanded you...</p> <p>The things <u>God</u> has commanded</p> <p>Matthew 15:7-9 - "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "</p>	<p><u>Religion is the commandments of men</u> <u>Relationship is the commandments of God</u></p> <p>We get caught up in so many things that are opinions, practices</p> <p><i>Cults and their practices. Dress & act funny!</i></p> <p>God cares about the heart! If the heart is right, you'll dress right! You can have on a suit but in heart you're a scoundrel Or you can dress like a pauper but be a child of the King in heart</p>
<p>Acts 20:27 - "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.</p> <p>2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.</p> <p>Are you complete? Have you read or been taught the complete scripture?</p> <p><i>Weak church on milk, topical, NT only Confused eschatology - need to know the whole scripture!</i></p>	<p>We need to let the word have it's work in us</p> <p>Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.</p> <p><i>Imagine going to a doctor for surgery, but refuse the anasthesia. Or the bandage. Or just get the anasthesia nad bandage without the surgery. We need every part of scripture or else we're incomplete, unprepared, misguided - about who God is!</i></p>
<p>Studying the Word should make us feel alive! Be alive!</p> <p>Cut us to the heart at times, but we walk away feeling more alive.</p> <p>More healthy. Fed.</p> <p>If it's not, maybe we're not reading it right! Maybe it isn't being taught correctly - with the Spirit of God and His heart for us.</p>	<p><u>The best part? Disciples are not alone</u></p> <p>John 14:15-18 - "If you love Me, keep My commandments. "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.</p>

We have the Holy Spirit and He always points us to Jesus

and is the very presence of Jesus.

We get so lost when we try to do the Christian life without Him!

With our own ideas of what He's told us.

Making disciples of ourselves, our own ideas, vs. making disciples of Jesus

We can tell who's leading us by who we become like

My boys and their style

Mia and me rubbing off on each other

It's why being an "influencer" is so profitable these days.

1 Corinthians 11:1 - Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

Matthew shows that Jesus is a King who keeps His word. No empty promises.

"There is no power in you, I know, but then all power is in me, therefore go ye." (Spurgeon)

"His presence means peace, because it always reminds us that the church belongs to Jesus. It is His church, and His work. How, then, can we worry?" Guzik

This is the great commission: our mission from God through Jesus in His authority:

- Preaching the gospel
- Bringing others to Jesus
- Making disciples
- Walking together
- Letting the Word teach us
- the Spirit sanctify us as we obey Him and the Word

That's where Matthew ends. Where the gospel goes forth.

From beginning to end Matthew showing that Jesus is King. And King of Kings.

The right to the throne.

all authority and always had it -

Even in death. Evident in resurrection.

He's the King of Heaven and Earth.

Past. Present. Future.

And He's sending US out.

He's given us everything to succeed:

- His Word and command.
- His Spirit and authority.
- To invite many to the wedding feast.
- To make disciples of all nations.
- To be His disciples.

The King's Kingdom in the Hearts of people.

Even so, come King Jesus.

Do you believe?

Are you a disciple?

Have you been sent?

Go Therefore.