

## Matthew Chapter 28

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- More than anything else, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead proves that He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Messiah, the Son of God, the rightful King of Israel – and that His word is true.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4** “<sup>3</sup>For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; <sup>4</sup>and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures;”

- Christ died for our sins – according to the scriptures, and rose again – according to the scriptures.

**Psalm 16:10** “For thou wilt not leave My soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”

**Isaiah 61:1** “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;”

**1 Peter 1:3** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

- The resurrection is the cornerstone of the Gospel, without it there really is no Gospel.

**1 Corinthians 15:12-19** “<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: <sup>14</sup>And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. <sup>15</sup>Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: who he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: <sup>17</sup>And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.”

- *Because He lives, we will too!*

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** “<sup>13</sup>But I do not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. <sup>15</sup>For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: <sup>17</sup>Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

V: 1 Time stamp: after the Sabbath, the first day of the week:

<b>Thursday</b> Preparation day Jesus crucified	<b>Friday</b> Passover High Sabbath	<b>Saturday</b> Regular Sabbath	<b>Sunday</b> Resurrection day 1 <sup>st</sup> day.
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- **Mark 16:1** identifies the other Mary as the mother of James, meaning Mary the mother of Jesus – and Salome, the mother of James and John.
- **Luke 24:10** also identifies Joanna, and “other women” as well.
- The women are going to the tomb; their expectation is that Jesus will be there – no resurrection, intending to minister to a dead body.
- *Lost, confused, uncertain, they went to the place where they last saw their Lord.*

V: 2 **Mark 16:3** states that the women were having a discussion about how to roll the stone back to enter the tomb. God went before them.

- The purpose of rolling back the stone was not to allow Jesus to come out, it was to let everyone else to go in and see that the tomb was empty and that He is risen!
- Harmony of the 4 Gospels, they were not all recorded in the same way because they were seen from different perspectives.
  - Matthew was an eyewitness.
  - Mark was a child; he primarily records Peter’s account.
  - Luke was not an eyewitness; he conducted interviews with the principals.
  - John’s eyewitness account was written last, there was no need to repeat information that had already been presented.

V: 3 Consistent with Old Testament descriptions of angels. Fearsome creatures, unlike the modern imagery, childish, feminine, etc.

V: 4 The guards reacted as most would, they fell down and played dead.

V: 5 When Jesus was born, the angels were there as witnesses, at that time they also had to tell the people not to fear.

**Luke 2:9-10** “<sup>9</sup>And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup>And the

angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.”

- To the women seeking Jesus the angel said, “don’t be afraid”, the implication seemed to be that anyone not seeking Jesus should fear!

**Romans 8:31** “What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

**Hebrews 10:31** “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

- In John’s account, Mary is almost oblivious to the angels’ presence, she simply engages in the conversation without any particular acknowledgment.

V: 6 “*He is not here: for He is risen, as He said!*”

**1 Corinthians 15:55** “Oh Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

- His victory is our victory.

**Hebrews 2:14-15** “<sup>14</sup>Inasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; <sup>15</sup>and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

- Jesus’ resurrection is attributed to the power of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Father:

**Psalms 16:10** “For thou wilt not leave My soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”

**1 Corinthians 15:15** “Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ:..”

**Hebrews 13:20** “Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.”

Son:

**John 2:19-21** “<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered and said unto them, destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. <sup>20</sup>Then said the Jews, forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? <sup>21</sup>But He spake of the temple of His body.”

**John 10:17-18** “<sup>17</sup>Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. <sup>18</sup>No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father.”

### Holy Spirit:

**Romans 8:11** “But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

“*As He said*” - Key phrase in this book: “*That it might be fulfilled.*”

- He said he would be raised again. **Matthew 16:21, 17:23, 20:19, 26:32.**

**Matthew 16:21** “From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.”

**Joshua 21:45** “There failed not aught of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.”

- The angel showed them the empty tomb because seeing it they became witnesses and could testify.
- In 1885 General Gordon took a jar of soil gathered from the floor of the garden tomb to some chemists to see if there were any signs of decomposition in the soil. The results were that there was no sign of decay in the soil.

V: 6-7 The sequence of events is “**Come and see**” then “**go quickly and tell**”. First the women had to see that the Lord was not there, then they could go out and tell.

- Kind of like **Matthew 11:28-29**

**Matthew 11:28-29** “<sup>28</sup>Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me;...”

- Jesus first says come unto me.... Then learn of me.... it's a process.
- The message is:
  1. I am / He is risen!
  2. Meet me in Galilee. / Come to Me

Go quickly, and tell! There is no time to waste!

**2 Corinthians 6:2** “For He says: in an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” NKJV

- Go tell His disciples – including Peter, who is still included.

**Mark 16:7** “But go your way, tell His disciples, and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him, as He said unto you.”

V: 8 They departed with fear and great joy, excitement!

- They were obedient.
- Why did God choose to use these women to carry the message?
  1. **1 Corinthians 1:26-27** - God uses the weak things to confound the mighty, the foolish to confound the wise.
  2. **Matthew 27:55** – The women were the last ones at the cross, and the first ones at the tomb. Faithfulness.
- *Those who go through the deepest sorrow are often the ones who experience the greatest joy.*
  3. **Genesis 3:6** – As death was introduced by a woman in a garden, so too new life is introduced in the same way.
  4. **Matthew 26:7** – The greatest love, humility, and service reap the greatest privileges (**Matt. 23:11-12**)
  5. **Matthew 28:1** – They were the only ones there!

V: 9 In their obedience, they met Jesus!

**John 14:21** “He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and He that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love Him, and will manifest Myself to him.”

- “All hail” #5463 = salutation, greeting, joyfully. “be well”, “rejoice”.
- Immediately upon realizing that they were in His presence they worshipped Him!

V: 9-10 The women would be able to add to their testimony as they spoke to the disciples what they had actually seen.

1. They had the angel’s testimony.
2. They observed the empty grave.
3. They actually saw the risen Lord.

V: 10 Two points:

1. Don't be afraid.
  2. Tell the disciples so that they go to Galilee.
- Go into Galilee, they had been told this two times prior, this being the third time.
    1. Matthew 26:32
    2. Matthew 28:7
  - Jesus still refers to the disciples as His "brethren", this implies a personal relationship. More to the point, that there is still a personal relationship.

**John 20:17** "Jesus saith unto her, touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God."

- The disciples failure at the Gethsemane, and at the cross did not invalidate their relationship – to "their Father and their God" – that personal relationship is still intact because of the work of the Son on the cross – not because of their righteousness.
- They will see Him there but Jesus had been with them the whole time.
- Jesus heard Thomas' comments even though no one knew that He was in the room.
- Jesus was with the disciples on the road to Emmaus before they knew He was there.
- Having seen Jesus alive we know that He actually did give His life as a ransom for us, that He has power over death, victory over the grave, and that the Gospel is true.

**Matthew 20:28** "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

V: 11 "Some of the watch", where were the rest? Maybe they figured what was coming and made -their getaway.

- They went to the priests because of a common interest, they didn't go to the Romans because they knew there would be no mercy there.

V: 12 The Pharisees paid to betray Jesus, and they would certainly pay to discredit His resurrection.

- The religious leaders were experienced at covering-ups, or at least in the attempt.

Concerning Lazarus who had been raised from the dead:

**John 12:9-11** “<sup>9</sup>Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; <sup>11</sup>because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.”

V: 13-14 Sleeping on duty would result in severe punishment, possibly death if a prisoner escaped or an official Roman seal was violated.

When an angel was sent to release Peter:

**Acts 12:18-19** “<sup>18</sup>Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers what was become of Peter. <sup>19</sup>And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death.”

Philippian jailer:

**Acts 16:27-28** “<sup>27</sup>And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. <sup>28</sup>But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, do thyself no harm: for we are all here.”

- These Roman soldiers really had no other option but to go to the religious leaders, otherwise they were going to die.

V: 15 The soldiers did as they were taught / instructed – CONSPIRACY!

- But no alibi or bribe could refute the eye witness accounts of Jesus’ resurrection, Jesus was seen by hundreds of witnesses after His resurrection.
- Anyone who would have stolen the body would have taken it in the grave clothes, they wouldn’t have un-wrapped it, then take the naked body.
- Had His body been stolen, it would surely have been produced later by anyone attempting to refute the resurrection, especially under the intense pressure that had been applied. People don’t knowingly die for a lie.

## Jesus’ appearances after His resurrection:

1. **John 20:14-18** To Mary Magdalene on resurrection Sunday.
2. **Matt. 28:8-10** To the women returning to the tomb, Sunday.
3. **Luke 24:34, 1 Cor. 15:5** To Peter Sunday afternoon.
4. **Luke 24:13-31** To the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Sunday.
5. **Luke 24:36-42, John 20:19-24** To the apostles minus Thomas in Jerusalem.

- Eight days later:
6. **John 20:24-29** To the apostles with Thomas.
- Later in Galilee:
7. **John 21:1-23** To the apostles by the sea while they'd been fishing.
  8. **Matthew 28:16-20, 1 Cor. 15:6** To the apostles + 500 witnesses on a mountain in Galilee.
- Later in various places:
9. **Acts. 7:55** To Steven as he was being stoned.
  10. **1 Corinthians 15:7** To James.
  11. **Acts 9:3-6, 1 Corinthian 15:8** To Saul / Paul on the road to Damascus.
  12. **Acts 22:18** To Paul in the Temple / Jerusalem.
  13. **Acts 23:11** To Paul in prison.
  14. **Revelation 1:10-19** To John on the island of Patmos.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8** <sup>3</sup>For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; <sup>4</sup>And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures: <sup>5</sup>And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: <sup>6</sup>After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."

- All eyewitness accounts! Many people were tortured and killed because they would not recant what they had actually seen. People don't knowingly die for a lie.
- Foxes book of martyrs chronicles many of the early accounts.
- Why is this so important?

**1 Corinthians 15:13-14** <sup>13</sup>But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: <sup>14</sup>And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching in vain, and your faith is also vain."

**Romans 10:9** "That **if** thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

- This is an issue of faith, but not of un-reasonable faith, there is evidence.



V: 16 The disciples were obedient, they went to Galilee as previously instructed by Jesus and now reminded by the women.

V: 17 The disciples “saw” Jesus, actually a great many people saw Jesus.

**1Corinthians 15:6** 500+

- This greatly impacted their faith, and their testimony – their martyrdom.
- But some doubted, some always do.

**Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

**Hebrews 3:12** “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.”

- Seeing is not always believing.

**Luke 16:31** “And he said unto him, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”

- Those who doubted, could this be a reference to Thomas? I don’t think so. This meeting on a mountain in Galilee occurred after Jesus had appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem at which time Thomas had been invited to stick his hand in Jesus’ wounds.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4** “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,”

- This is all in fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

V: 18 Jesus said that all power is given unto Him in Heaven and in Earth.

- Power = authority

Jesus is the creator of all things, He is the judge of all things.

**John 1:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.”

**Colossians 1:16** “For by Him all things were created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or

dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him.”

**Philippians 2:9-11** <sup>9</sup>“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup>That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

**John 5:22** “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.”

- Matthew presents Jesus as a King, showing His power and authority in:
  1. **Matthew 4: 10-11** Authority over Satan
  2. **Matthew 7:29** Teaching “For He taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
  3. **Matthew 8** Healing Leper, centurion’s servant, Peter’s mother, the demoniac of Gadara.
  4. **Matthew 8:26-27** Over nature <sup>26</sup>... why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup>But the men marveled, saying, what manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!”
  5. **Matthew 9:6** Forgiving sins “But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, then saith He to the sick of the palsy, arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.”
  6. **Matthew 10.** To delegate His authority – casting out demons, healings.
  7. **Matthew 28** Over death

V: 19 “Go ye” is more accurately translated “as you go” or “while you go”, “going”.

- “Teach” = (G3100) “matheteuo”, literally “to disciple”, to instruct. Instructing with the purpose of making a disciple, to become attached to the teacher / pupil in the process – engage in relationship, form an attachment.

**Matthew 28:19** (NKJV) “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”

**1 Corinthians 11:1** “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.” (KJV)

**1 Corinthians 11:1** “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” (NKJV)

**Ephesians 4:11-12** “<sup>11</sup>And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; <sup>12</sup>for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”

**2 Timothy 2:15** “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** “<sup>16</sup>All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished / equipped unto all good works.”

**Psalms 51:10-13** “<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. <sup>13</sup>Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.”

V: 19b “*The name*” – singular, of “the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost”, Jesus authenticates the concept and reality of the Trinity of God.

**1 John 5:7** “For there are three that bear witness / record in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are One.

**Genesis 1:1      Numbers 6:24-26      1 Timothy 3:16      Matthew 3:16-17**  
**2 Corinthians 13:14      1 Peter 1:2, 3:18      2 Peter 1:2-3**  
**Hebrews 9:14      Revelation 1:4-5      Isaiah 48:16**

- Jesus, Moses, Isaiah, Peter, Matthew, John, Paul,

**Mark 16:15** “And He said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

- **Mark 16:15** a parallel passage, Mark uses the word “preach” in place of teach. This word #2784 rendered as “preach” means literally “to herald”, as a public crier especially as with divine truth, to proclaim, or publish.

V: 20 “Teaching” – reiterated. (1321), “didasko”; to teach in a broad application.

**Proverbs 1:7** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”

[Jesus is the best teacher!](#)

**Luke 24:45** “Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,”

**2 Peter 1:2-3** “<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup>according as his divine Power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

- Why? **2 Peter 3:9** For God “... is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”
  - “observe” (G5083) “Tereo” – to watch carefully, keep your eye on, not loose sight of.

**1 John 5:3** “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.”

*“I am with you always”*

**Hebrews 13:5** “... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

**Romans 8:35-39** “<sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. <sup>37</sup>Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**2 Corinthians 3:3** “Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.”

**Psalms 119:11** “Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee.”

*“Even unto the end of the world”* - literally aion = age.

- Matthew doesn't describe the ascension because Jesus is always in our midst, watching, exhorting, guiding, judging, and interceding on our behalf.