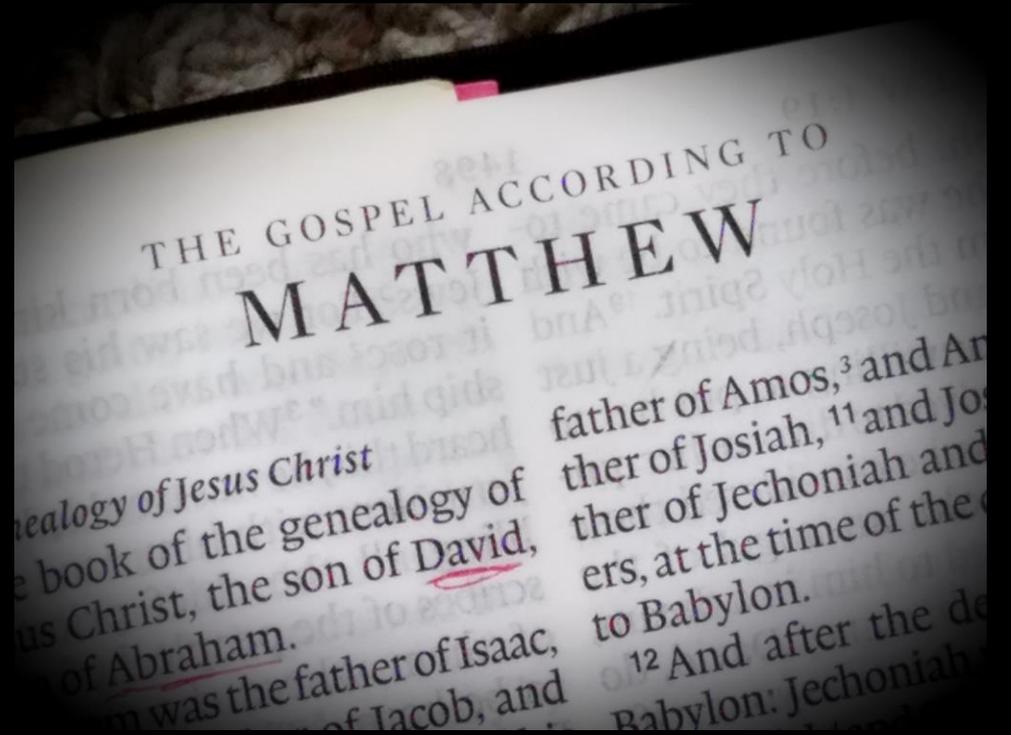


Verse by Verse

Matthew 28



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- Last week we left Jesus dead and buried while the disciples were grieving and confused.
- A dead Savior would not make much of a Gospel (Good News) story.
- But the story is not over yet. Today everything changes.

Matthew 28 Key Verses

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- Matthew 28:5-8 (ESV)

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- 28:1 after the Sabbath Jesus died before the Sabbath and rose after it was done.
- This made it impossible for a religious Jew – and in those days all Jews were religious – to do anything for him.

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- 28:2 rolled back the stone The angel did not have to move the stone to let Jesus out.
- He moved it to let people in to see the empty tomb.

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- 28:5-6 Do not be afraid ... he has risen, as he said
- Christ's disciples did not seem to grasp that Jesus never intended to stay in the tomb.
- Yet He told them several times that he was going to rise from the dead.

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- Matthew 26:32 (ESV)

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

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- Matthew 20:17-19 (ESV)

¹⁷ And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸ “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”

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- Matthew 17:22-23 (ESV)

²² As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.

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- Matthew 16:21 (ESV)

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

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- Matthew 12:40 (ESV)

For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

1. The Resurrection 28:1-10

- 28:9 Greetings The word Matthew records means “grace,” which in Greek was an everyday greeting.
- If he was speaking Hebrew, he might have said “Shalom!”
- They came ... and worshiped him Jesus receives their worship. In the Bible, both men and angels refuse worship.

1. The Resurrection 28:1-10

- From the very beginning God's plan was to defeat sin and death once and for all.
- Christ's resurrection is only the beginning.
- 1 Corinthians 15:26 (ESV)

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1. The Resurrection 28:1-10

- God is the source of life.
- Eternal life is what we have in Christ now.
- This means there is always something to look forward to.
- As long as that is true, and it will always be true, we always have hope.

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- 1 Corinthians 15:54 (ESV)

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

1. The Resurrection 28:1-10

- If “death is swallowed up in victory,” then neither Christ nor his church can ultimately end in defeat.
- Matthew 16:18b says,
“I will build my church, and the gates of hell [*hades*, the realm of the dead] shall not prevail against it.”

2. A Big Deception 28:11-15

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- They gave Judas money to betray the Lord.
- They gave the soldiers money to lie about the empty tomb.
- If the governor, that is Pilate, is concerned, they are probably planning to fix that with money too.

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- 28:13 Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.'
- Two questions:
 1. If they were really asleep, how could they know the disciples stole the body?
 2. If one of the soldiers saw them, why didn't he wake the rest up to stop the disciples?

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- 28:17 When they saw him they worshiped him.
- In case we missed that earlier, Jesus is once again receiving the worship of his followers.
- He is worthy of worship.
- Jesus is God.

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- 28:18 all authority
- Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth.
- No one else has any authority at all that does not ultimately lead back to Jesus.

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- 28:19-20 make disciples
- This is the one part of the sentence that is in the command form in the original.
- Everything else that we do whether going, baptizing or teaching comes under the “make disciples” heading.

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- 28:20 And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
- Remember what Matthew told us in the birth story of Jesus.
- **Matthew 1:22-23** (ESV)
22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”
(which means, God with us).

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- He is with us.
- When Moses was afraid to go to confront Pharaoh and the Egyptians, God had one response in **Exodus 3:12**,
- “But I will be with you.”
- Jesus is really telling us the same thing now.

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- What looks like defeat is not the final outcome.
- Christ has won the victory over sin and death.
- He is risen and he is with us.
- We will never again be without hope, without life or without his presence in our lives.

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- Heavenly Father,
- You are the Source of all life and the Creator of all things. And we understand that you gave your Son to suffer death in our place so that our sins would be forgiven.
- We thank you for Jesus, who died, but was always planning to rise from the dead. He is now risen, just as he said.
- He has conquered the grave and the gates of hell cannot prevail against his church.

Matthew 28 A Prayer

- Though we may feel sinful, dirty and lost, we trust that our sins are forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Though we may feel forgotten and alone, we understand that he is Immanuel, God with us, and he has promised to be with us always.
- Help us to constantly keep that in mind as we wait for his soon return.
- Thank you in Christ's name,
- Amen.