

# SEEing Jesus: Resurrection Day

Matthew 28:1-10

MPS: Jesus is resurrected to believe, behold Him as Lord, and bow before Him in worship for eternity.

OBJ: Every person should "Behold" to believe in Jesus because of **Three Truths** to see the Resurrected Lord.

## READ Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." **Matthew 28:1-10**

**INTRO** Have you ever gotten really excited to see someone / something? Maybe you've gotten most excited to show something to others that you have seen and want them to see for themselves.

**Matthew wants us to see something in this passage.** Commanding our attention with strong, startling proclamations, Matthew cries "Behold" to focus on what He is showing us. **And what is it?** A man walks out of a grave, resurrected to life from the dead. **Jesus Christ was resurrected from death to life, raised from the grave to rule as Lord.**

**WHY is Matthew so intent on helping people SEE the resurrected Lord Jesus?** He writes to a predominantly Jewish audience who by their very claim, waited in anticipation, looking for the Messiah. He writes with holy urgency because what He commands our attention to speaks to the longing of every human soul.

**APPL** What are you looking for? Are you looking for an answer, decision or solution? Maybe you are looking for a way around, a way through or a way out? Perhaps you are looking for a different, better or even a new life? Whatever you may be looking for today, the most potent words for your situation are the most earth-shattering, life-altering words ever uttered; "He is not here, for he has risen, as he said." (Mt 28:6) **Nothing has or will ever matter more than this truth; Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead.**

**Jesus is resurrected to believe, behold Him as Lord, and bow before Him in worship for eternity.**

**OBJ** Matthew's cry to "Behold" commands every person by **Three Truths** to **behold** the power of the Resurrected Lord Jesus in all His glory, believe, bow down in worship and bear a faithful witness to Him.

Matthew begins with an unassuming, ordinary image of two women coming to the tomb to give more burial treatment to the body, as an act of love and mourning his loss. This image is one of a grieving mother, Mary, and a grateful friend, Mary Magdalene, who's life had been forever changed by Jesus. Against this natural backdrop the supernatural pierces through.

**TRANS** The first truth Matthew commands for us to Behold is this,

**1. Jesus was resurrected from the grave to rule as Lord. .1-6**

When Jesus drew that first, resurrection breath, the whole earth shook. And the Heavens responded too by sending their messenger. An angel descends to roll away the stone. Then, sits on it to welcome the one exiting the tomb. The humble carpenter turned powerful teacher laid to rest within exited as victorious and exalted Lord. **Jesus was resurrected from the grave to rule as Lord.**



**All creation responds to Jesus' resurrection because the Lord of all creation commands all creation.** There is no border, boundary or barrier of rule or law in the natural order that Jesus does not command. He is not simply the Author of all the natural world, but the Creator and Sustainer of it.

READ Colossians 1:15–17

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **Colossians 1:15-17***

READ Hebrews 11:3

*By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, **Hebrews 11:3a***

What flashes of creational control he demonstrated while on the earth, by commanding winds and calming seas, are on full, glorious display in the resurrection. When Jesus drew that first breath of His resurrection the whole of creation inhaled. The whole earth shook because the place of death within was done and Jesus was coming out. Of imminent importance in the resurrection accounts is this, that all creation responded to Jesus' death and resurrection. **Just as Jesus commanded creation in his life by the power of His word, so in His death and resurrection He commands all creation as the living Word.**

TRANS While the things of this earth were coming undone, the things of heaven were glowing in glorious, brilliant array. Matthew describes the angel perched atop the stone as, *"like lightning, and his clothing white as snow."* A mental image that makes the reader squint at reading. The angel's image is made even more vivid by its effect on the soldiers guarding the tomb. The guards are struck with fear and become like dead men. **Brilliant glory strikes so near it renders dead in fear.**

TRANS But fear doesn't work the same for all.

While the guards were as dead by fear, two women had their fear turned to great joy. The angel speaks to turn deadening fear to overwhelming joy. And what He proclaims is the greatest truth ever spoken of any language. *"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."* **And with these words, hope against all hope is manifested in the hearts of those who believe.**

The Lord of all creation rules the highest of His creation at His coming too. Jesus' glory strikes with overwhelming power, that either metastasizes the death of unbelief or detonates the overwhelming joy of faith and hope. **Behold, Jesus was resurrected from the grave to rule as victorious Lord! He is the living Word for you to believe and receive new life by His resurrecting power.**

TRANS Just as all creation responds to Jesus' resurrection, so the highest of creation also has a right response.

## 2. Jesus was resurrected from the grave for all to see and behold Him. .7-8

**Jesus resurrection is for all who will behold and believe.** The angel of the Lord tells the Marys to see the empty tomb, then go quickly and tell the other disciples. Their sighting of the resurrection is not the only or last one. Two of four uses of the Greek word for see or behold, *idou*, are used here in verse seven. What you see to now know, you go and tell to others. And by telling it, others "Behold". **The angel told the ladies to go tell what they saw for others to behold.**

Matthew uses an interesting phrase, *"See, I have told you."* **Well, which is it Matthew? Is this something for us to "see" or to hear?** And the answer, based on Matthew's purpose, is "Yes." The message of Jesus' resurrection is not simply about that which is visible, but that which was visible is now made known to all. And Jesus is the one who is going forth to spread the word. **While everyone cannot "see" the empty tomb on Resurrection morning, all who hear what has been told can behold the resurrected Lord.**



We stand before you this morning as those who have beheld the risen Lord and tell you, “He has risen. He is alive.” See, we have told you. Behold Him for yourself today and believe to receive Him. [Jesus was resurrected for all to hear and see. He stands before you today in resurrected glory for you to behold and believe.](#)

**TRANS** And this leads to the third glorious truth that Matthew’s beckon we must not miss.

The ladies go to tell the others. Along the way Matthew captures one more powerful moment. Jesus meets them. What a powerful confirmation. What they witnessed after the fact they now encounter first-hand, in-person. And the image Matthew provides of this moment is powerful beyond measure. These two ladies who loved Jesus dearly and beheld His resurrection at the empty tomb, now bow before Him in His presence to worship Him. Jesus sends them on in joy to tell the others.

Matthew shows us how powerful and rewarding it is when we behold and believe in the resurrected Lord. This is why Jesus has come and sends us to tell. [We worship Him in His presence, and bear witness to Him personally of His resurrection power for all to see and hear.](#)

**TRANS** The third truth I want you to see and hear today is this.

### 3. [Jesus meets you today to invite you to worship and bear witness to Him.](#) .9-10

**NO ONE ever “finds” Jesus.** From the moment of His resurrection, the Lord Jesus goes forth to meet people. He is here today to meet with you. No matter what you do, where you go, who you are with or what you become, nothing will ever be more important or meaningful for you than to behold and believe in the resurrecting power of Jesus Christ in your life. Jesus wants you to see Him, to behold His resurrection and believe in Him. [Jesus wants you to know personally the new life of joy and peace that He gives.](#)

Jesus is calling every person today, to behold and believe in His resurrection power, to worship Him personally and bear a faithful witness to His resurrection power in your life. [Do you know Jesus personally?](#)

[Jesus is resurrected to believe, behold Him as Lord, and bow before Him in worship for eternity.](#)

**CLOSE** Allow me to close with one concluding phrase, “*as he said.*” (Mt 28:6) When the angel proclaims the greatest truth ever stated, Jesus was His source. We behold and believe Jesus today by the revelation of His Word. You can trust His Word. It will never fail nor falter. Jesus said He is coming again. [Are you looking to meet Him? Will the fear and awe that strikes at His coming paralyze you as a dead man? Or, will the announcement of His arrival turn any fear to overwhelming joy?](#) What you do with Jesus now determines how you will meet Him when He returns, whether bound in paralyzing fear or bowed in overwhelming adoration and worship. [Behold and believe in Jesus today! Bow your life to worship Him and live as a faithful witness of His new-life giving, resurrection power.](#)

