



JESUS – KING, CROSS, CROWN
THE KING IS ALIVE | MATTHEW 28:1-10
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And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." – Matthew 28:18-20

Taking the Gospel to everyone, everywhere begins at the tomb.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" – Mark 16:1-3

A Forgotten Promise

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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. – Matthew 16:21

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. – Matthew 17:22-23



"He is not here, for He has risen, as He said."

Jesus always keeps His promises even when we forget them.

A Foundational Message

Then 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." – Matthew 28:7

The angel also gives them a message to deliver:

- "He has risen from the dead."
- "He is going before you to Galilee."
- "There you will see Him."

A Faithful Response

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Submission leads to deeper encounters with Jesus.

A Fervent Command

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The resurrection does not just prove Jesus is alive, it declares Jesus is King.

Because Jesus has all authority, the church has confidence to go to all nations.

Jesus describes what disciple-making looks like:

- **Going:** taking the gospel beyond where we are comfortable
- **Baptizing:** calling people to publicly identify with Christ
- **Teaching:** helping believers learn to obey everything Jesus commanded

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