

A large, circular marbled Easter egg graphic with swirling patterns of pink, red, and blue. A thin, multi-colored ribbon is wrapped around it, extending from the top left towards the center.

EASTER
WITH CENTER CITY

**THE
REAL
&
RISEN
KING**



Matthew 28:1-15

The Risen King

- 1 The **Context** (*Matthew chapters 1 - 27*)
- 2 The **Risen King** (*Matthew 28:1-10*)
- 3 The **Cover-Up** (*Matthew 28:11-15*)

1 The **Context**

Who wrote the book of Matthew?

Matthew, a former tax collector & eye witness disciple

Who was the book written to?

Jewish christians and skeptics in the 1st century

Why was this book written?

To show Jesus is the real King bringing God's Kingdom

1 The **Context**

What happened between last week's Palm Sunday and today's Resurrection Sunday?

Jesus didn't bring **their kingdom**, so they had Him crucified.

2 The Risen King

Resurrection Reality #1 → Powerful

Matthew 28:2-3

... 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

2 The Risen King

Resurrection Reality #1 → Powerful

Matthew 28:4-6

*And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "**Do not be afraid**, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen..."*

2 The Risen King

Resurrection Reality #2 → Predicted

Matthew 28:5-6

*But the angel said to the women, "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.**"*

2 The Risen King

Resurrection Reality #3 → Proven

Matthew 28:6

Come, see the place where he lay.

It takes more faith to believe Jesus didn't raise from the dead, than it does to believe He did. Reasonable facts point to the reality of the resurrection.

2 The Risen King

Resurrection Reality #4 → Personal

Matthew 28:8

*So they departed quickly from the tomb **with fear and great joy**, and ran to tell his disciples.*

2 The Risen King

Resurrection Reality #4 → Personal

Matthew 28:9-10

*And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"
And they came up and took hold of his feet and
worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "**Do not
be afraid**; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee,
and there they will see me."*

2 The Risen King

Resurrection Reality #4 → Personal

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When we see:

- the **power** of the resurrection
- the **predicted promise** of the resurrection
- the **provenness** of the resurrection
- that the resurrection is **personal**

We must worship Him!

3 The Cover-Up

Matthew 28:11-13

... the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.'

The religious leaders wanted complete control of their lives; they didn't want God's Kingdom

**The resurrection means Jesus is
the Risen King**

**Is your response to the
resurrection to make Jesus the
King of your life?**