



Matthew

Lesson 28

The task given to the Apostles of Jesus was beyond human ability or comprehension. They were not only responsible for taking the astounding good news to “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the outermost parts of the world,” and “make disciples of all nations,” some of them would also have the charge of recording the life of Jesus so that later generations would have an accurate description of His person and His work. Matthew’s record of Jesus life had its own signature. As a tax collector, Matthew was undoubtedly very cerebral and detailed in his thinking, and that personality shows up in the way he wrote his treatise. His major focus was to present Jesus as the King from the royal lineage of David, the Messiah from the tribe of Judah, and the Son of God who was God in the

flesh. His detailed genealogy and his extensive use of Old Testament prophecies reveal this intent. He wrote mainly to Jews whose hard hearts had caused them to miss how the Scriptures identified Jesus as the promised Messiah, and to therefore reject Him. His thorough anthology of Jesus’ birth, rise to popularity, and his extensive detail in the parables that Jesus spoke, reveal new concepts like the Kingdom of Heaven and its unique characteristics such as humility, servanthood, and justice. All of this left little doubt as to the historical and significant reality that Jesus Christ was the Savior of the world, and that salvation is found only in Him and by Him.

READ CHAPTER 28 See also Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1-8

1. *What information regarding the stone does Matthew add that the other writers leave out?*
2. *What other differences in the records of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John regarding details given in the resurrection can you identify?*

The angels-

The women-

The guards-

Other differences-

3. *How did the chief priests and elders decide to handle this unexplainable event? Matthew 28:11-15. Why would that not be a reasonable explanation?*

4. *What different responses were there to the resurrection? Matthew 28:16-17; Mark 16:11-14; Luke 24:11, 41; John 20:25*

5. *Read Luke's statement in 24:44-45. What do you think he meant by that? See also Luke 9:45.*

6. *What promise and what instruction does Jesus give the disciples at this point in Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:46-49?*

7. *Under what circumstances does Peter repeat Jesus' instruction in Acts 5:25-32?*

8. *Identify some information that you learned from Matthew in response to the following topics:*
 - Repentance:*

 - The Kingdom of Heaven:*

 - Suffering:*

 - Servanthood:*

 - The Return of Christ:*

 - Other topic:*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
