

# Birth of the New Kingdom: Seven Testimonies to the Resurrection of Jesus

Matthew 28:1-20 / December 12, 2020

## Testimonies to the Birth of Jesus:

1. Angel testifies to Joseph to take Mary as his wife at Nazareth (Matthew 1:18-25)
2. Magi testify to Herod in Jerusalem (Matthew 2:1-2;9-12)
3. Religious leaders testify to Herod in Jerusalem (Matthew 2:3-6)
4. Angel testifies to Mary at Nazareth (Luke 1:26-38)
5. Mary testifies to Elizabeth in Judah (Luke 1:39-56)
6. Angels testify to the Shepherds near Bethlehem (Luke 2:8-14)
7. Shepherds testify to Mary, Joseph and the people in Bethlehem (Luke 2:15-20)

## 1. THE ANGEL TESTIFIES TO THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB (28:1-7)

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.

And 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women,

1. “Do not be afraid,
2. for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
3. He is not here,
4. for he has risen,
5. as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
6. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and
7. behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

### ANGEL TESTIFIES TO MARY ABOUT THE BIRTH OF JESUS

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

And the angel said to her,

1. “Do not be afraid, Mary,
2. for you have found favor with God.
3. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and
4. you shall call his name Jesus.
5. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.
6. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and
7. he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:26-38)

### ANGEL TESTIFIES TO THE SHEPHERDS ABOUT THE BIRTH OF JESUS

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them,

1. “Fear not,
2. for behold, I bring you good news of great joy
3. that will be for all the people.
4. For unto you is born this day in the city of David
5. a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
6. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”
7. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:8-14)

## 2. JESUS TESTIFIES TO THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB (28:8-10)

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

### MAGI TESTIFY WITH JOY TO THE BIRTH OF JESUS

When they saw the star, **they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy**. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they **fell down and worshiped him**. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:10-11)

## 3. THE WOMEN TESTIFY TO THE APOSTLES IN JERUSALEM (28:10)

**go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”**

### MARY TESTIFIES TO ELIZABETH AND JOHN THE BAPTIST ABOUT THE BIRTH OF JESUS

For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. / For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me, / and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is for those who fear him / from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm; / he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones / and exalted those of humble estate;  
he has filled the hungry with good things, / and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel, / in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers, / to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” (Luke 1:44-55)

## 4. THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TESTIFY TO THE SOLDIERS IN JERUSALEM (28:11-15)

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.

### THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS' PREVIOUS TESTIMONY TO THE SOLDIERS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

“Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.”

Pilate said to them,

“You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.”

So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard. (Matthew 27:62-66)

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.’ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”**

So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

**5. JESUS TESTIFIES TO THE APOSTLES AT GALILEE (28:16-20)**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.  
And Jesus came and said to them,

**“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**

**“ALL AUTHORITY”**

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| 1. To Heal (4:23-24)            | 5. To Forgive Sins (9:6-8)     |
| 2. To Teach (7:29)              | 6. To Empower Apostles (10:1)  |
| 3. To Command (8:9)             | 7. To Judge (13:41)            |
| 4. To Cast Out Demons (8:29-32) | 8. To Do God’s Will (21:23-27) |

**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, *teaching* them to observe all that I have commanded you.**

**“MAKE DISCIPLES”**

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them,

(Come)	<u>Invitational</u>
“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”	<u>Observational</u> <u>Relational</u> <u>Missional</u>

Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-22)

**“GO...ALL NATIONS”**

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| 1. Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba (1:5,6)           | 9. Queen of the South as Judge (12:42)     |
| 2. Magi from the East (2:1-12)              | 10. Parable of Weeds (13:38)               |
| 3. Galilee of the Gentiles—Isaiah (4:14-17) | 11. Canaanite Woman’s Daughter (15:21-28)  |
| 4. Healing and Teaching in Galilee (4:25)   | 12. Healings at Sea of Galilee (15:29-31)  |
| 5. Roman Centurion’s Faith (8:5-13)         | 13. Gospel Preached to all Nations (24:14) |
| 6. Two Demon-Possessed Men (8:28-34)        | 14. The Elect from all Nations (24:31)     |
| 7. Testify before Kings (10:18)             | 15. All Nations Gathered (25:31-46)        |
| 8. Isaiah: Hope for Gentiles (12:21)        | 16. Make Disciples of All Nations (28:19)  |

**“BAPTISM”**

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is **my beloved Son**, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:16-17)

**“TEACH”**

1. Blessings of the Kingdom (5-7)
2. Mission of the Kingdom (10)
3. Parables of the Kingdom (13)
4. Community of the Kingdom (18)
5. Warnings of the Kingdom (23-25)

**And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

**“WITH YOU ALWAYS”**

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: **“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, / and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).** When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. (Matt 1:18-25)

**6. JESUS TESTIFIES TO THE APOSTLES IN JERUSALEM (Acts 1:6-8)**

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them,

**“It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

#### SHEPHERDS TESTIFY TO MARY AND THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE BIRTH OF JESUS

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (Luke 2:8-20)

### 7. **ANGELS TESTIFY TO THE APOSTLES IN JERUSALEM (Acts 1:9-11)**

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,

**“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”**

#### THE TESTIMONIES OF THE TRIUNE COMING OF JESUS

1. First Coming of Jesus: Angel Testified to the Birth of Jesus
2. Second Coming of Jesus: Angel Testified to the Resurrection of Jesus
3. Third Coming of Jesus: Angels Testified to the Return of Jesus