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## *Weekly Bible Study with Father Bob*

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### **The Resurrection 3 – Matthew**

*Read and discuss Matthew 27:57 – 28:20*

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So with you. We ask that you give us wisdom and insight and discernment by the power of your Holy Spirit fill us with with gratitude for the witness of Matthew and for his efforts in spreading the gospel be with us now as we share our insights about his purposes and what he is telling us.

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We ask it all in the strong name of the risen Christ Jesus our Lord Amen. On this. Man's Ok. I can't remember who read last week.

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Already quilted Ok. Judith hoboos you read the last. The last bit from Matthew 27. Ok. Matthew.

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Matthew 27:57. Stark stark I'm 55 I don't know where we are one on that God's law according to Matthew yelling. No chapter Chapter 27 always 27. Ok burst 57:57 right Ok.

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I got it Ok Judith Can you read from 57 put the on. Your. Where it was evening there came a rich man from Aaron the say I've named the germs a fool also was a disciple infuses he went to pilot an ass for the body of Jesus.

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Then the pilot ordered it to be given to him and Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean one of the loons drowned and laid it in his own new to move which he had hidden in the Rock and he rolled a great strongly with the door of the tomb and the Fergus very Magdalen on the other Mary where they're serving officers the suffer next day that is after that their

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perforations the chief priests and on a very seat is to gather to beg for firewood and said Sir we remember.

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That impostors said while he was still alive after 3 days I will rise again therefore it's orders of suckled her to be made secure until the 1st day lest his disciples go as healing him away and tell the people he has risen from the vents and the last farm will be worse than the firsts pilot said to them you have a car that unfolds really gold make it as secure as you can.

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So they went and made the 7 put some of her to cure by stealing the stones and setting their garments now after the savages toward the dawn of the 1st day of the week.

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For Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see a sucker for a fee and the whole there was a great earthquake for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and became and came and rolled back the stolen Sodom our physics herons was like lightning and his greatness why it's moments and for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men fought the angel said to the women do not be afraid for I know that you see Jews are truly screwed survivor and fear is not here for you have risen as he says for come see the place where he lay for then go quickly and tell me with 5 bullets Bellevue has risen from the dead and the whole year is going before you used to Galilee for there you will see him with flow I know I've told you so faith the parties preclude you from but to move from the great you over fire and the realm he tells his disciples and the whole unit his messenger and said Hail.

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And they came up and holy The even worse is to. Believe you said to burn Do not be afraid to go and tell my brethren and go to go to Galilee and there they will be for they were going.

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To hold some of the guards went into the city and told if you please that's all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders taken pounds of gold lace gave a sum of money to the soldiers and said tell people this is my post came by night and stole him away while we were in the sleeps and if this comes to the government ears we will satisfy you and keep you out of trouble.

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So they took the money and that is they were directed and a good story to be spread among the Jews with their name. Be alone on the side of poles went to Galilee to the mountains to give the address of the.

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And when they saw me and then work your parents some ballots and Jesus came a 2nd for all of them 30 it is heaven and on earth has sent me given to me Go therefore and missed disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father.

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And of the Holy Spirit to do them 2 will serve all that I have commanded you know I am with you always to the close of the fish tank you do the.

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Good I hear that I do your real Joining us some more there. Yes I didn't want to interrupt Ok welcome we had a minute at the beginning. Just sort of checking in with each other how are you doing with these days I am doing Ok I just fielded a text from my sister that my elder our elderly mother who has extreme dementia and is in the nursing home has tested positive for the virus we have lots of do not resuscitate orders the nursing home is on that so it's just something that we're watching and has just happened so I just wanted to share that with you so that if I seem a little distracted you know we've been waiting for this but still.

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Where where is the nursing home in Jersey in Jersey. So it's red right in the heart that they're you know yes and they did everything they could to keep the virus out they were on top of that but they have not been successful.

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Ok. All right well we'll what's your mother's name Madeline Madeline Ok yeah I'm going to put her name on my daily list. Here there we go Ok.

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Madeline. And her last name. Will know so we spell it for me w o o l n o u g h and well the little w o o o o well as in rollers and sheep Yeah yeah.

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No u g h n o u t h one. Well know you just don't use the last 3 letters when no Ok. Yeah and her 1st name is spelled am a d. and why and.

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Why am Ok You know Rex that correct that right now. You know why and Ok very good all right thank you. Very welcome. Ok so we just finished I think you came in both half way through the reading.

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Just. A couple I'm sure there I was going to say Did anybody have anything that twiggled for them right off the bat that I'm sure you all do so I'm going I'm not going to have the quote them we're get into that a little bit later I just wanted to make a couple of notes about the whole Gospel of Matthew which I think helps give us a setting for for this for his opponent of the resurrection.

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There's a good case to be made 1st of all it's pretty clear that Matthew is writing for a Jewish audience whoever it is he's writing the gospel for. Has a strong Jewish background.

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Every every He has a lot of references to. To the Hebrew Scriptures and and there's a good case to be made that the structure for Matthew's Gospel and I'm not going to get into the detail of at this point.

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Is is that it was it structured in the form of 5 sections 5 major sections with an introduction and the post post note. Framing printing the spot books and the course the fog books.

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Were called for in a for a Jewish person right off the hop would recall the the 1st 5 books of the Bible we depended to. And and so what what the theory is that what we have in Matthew is this effort to help a Jewish audience begin to understand Jesus' ministry in.

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In the context of the of the Jewish history and traditions so you find a lot of things in. In Matthew's gospel that hearken back very clearly to 2 Old Testament.

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Events just as an example the Beatitudes in Matthew are given from a mountain Ok the Sermon on the Mount right. The same material in Luke is the Sermon on the plain we don't call it that but basically it's down on way on plot lines trying to remember correctly it's by the seashore so for Matthew it's important that this this new law that is being given in Jesus.

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Comes on the mountain the same as the the law came to Moses on the mountain so you have got that kind of parallel happening throughout Matthew's Gospel. So when we.

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Any any questions about that material up to that point well. Ok. So we sorry to say time to say Ok. So we come to the burial of Jesus.

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There were. There were women the were looking on from a distance they watched the Christ a picture and then they they had followed Jesus from Galilee and provided for him so they were with him from the earliest stages of his ministry among them were Mary Magdalen Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the founder of Jeopardy.

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And we'll get to. The Marys when we when we move to the actual visit to the tomb so the next section is when it was evening there came a rich man from Aarona at the end named Joseph now.

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I love this I mean there's no evidence for this but there is a legend about Joseph of Aarona at the. That he was in fact a traitor in tin.

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And that the that the 10 that he got he would make journeys to the south of England what would now be. Cornwall and around 12 Birria not sort of thing and he would bring the 10 back and trade it in the Middle East now.

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\$11.00 theory about that is that Jesus as a child was invited by Joseph to come with him on one of these journeys and so Jesus went. To in England and.

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Was introduced in that place by bolts of the Baron was there until you get that him I don't know if you're familiar with it and it goes the time walk on England.

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Tillage green I can't remember all the words. So they the legend of course and of course at the nameless legend with the. Jesus in fact tame and visited a one that as a child.

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Are you all getting a lot of feedback you know I'm not it sounds good to me now. I'm not sure what words maybe.

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I'm getting you know what I'm going to try the I'm going to try to trick I'm going to hang out and. Come back in and see if that helps.

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Ok So who's all here now. Alex and I here in California.

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Ok so you made. And I'm Bob from Wisconsin I worship at Christ Church when I'm in Puerto Vallarta which is several times a year Ok Robert in the dinner there.

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Well no I haven't heard them at all the last couple weeks oh really Ok and own it you know can I think they're no no it's just Alex me my friend real who's also in Wisconsin and you wouldn't you didn't father Bob Ok gotta do this.

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Ok Ok thank you. My boss. You know are you are Ok all right Ok so what's her on there so that's that's just one of my favorite little legends you don't have to pay any attention to it is this part of the.

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Hard part of my my bloodstream. Ok So Joseph gets the body now this is this is unusual. The hits historically when someone was crucified they were left on the cross to rot.

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This is this is why the place to. Place the crucifixion was known as the place with the place of the skull because as the bodies were taken apart by vultures and birds ventral to the bone fall apart and the dogs would carry them off and they only bones that would be left would be the skull.

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And the the message here was if you mess with whirling there won't even be anything left to bury you will be annihilated your memory will be erased. Ok.

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So. So this this whole notion of. Someone going to pilot and asking for the body and being allowed to have a kid is. A remarkable piece in its own right.

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So he gets the body and because he is a rich man he has a tumor that are dealt with a lot. And he uses that for genes. And then he rolled the stone in front of the door and then Mary and the other Mary.

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Who's the other Mary had just married some others games and ghosts or is that the Virgin Mary or is it some other Mary and there's no hard evidence one way or the other but there is a case sometimes made by Mary the mother of James and Jellicoe.

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Is in fact the Virgin Mary. And that games of Jerusalem is the brother of 2 those that eventually become. The Bishop of. The root problem and as one of his other brothers who.

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Is the despised bulked in the final analysis just go they go and they said office at the tomb and they mark wearable where the grade is. So the next day what's the next day.

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Saturday Saturday right no. After preparation Oh. I would be. It would be somewhere Ok Friday Friday is the day of the crucifixion. And they want the bodies taken down so they're not let the next day which since.

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Ok which is starts in the evening so the bodies are taken down before before nightfall. Ok and then the day after. The solution. Is the 1st day of the week and we recall that Jesus.

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Early on the 1st day of the week is one of the path to discuss about the. Resurrection appearances. In our culture Sunday is considered sort of the end of the week.

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The weekend. But technically some that we begin the week with Sunday Sunday is the 1st day of believe. That the a little quirk that I like to point out to people whenever I can just remind them of the present about faith and in our culture.

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So the chief priests. Tell pilot wait a minute you know there's going to be a problem here and presumably this is this is on the bride ate after the burial.

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And Joe the. Dirty Old go and make it is make the grade that's a carrot you can so they cook of guard. Whether that's a Roman soldiers or temple guards were not clear but pilots said to them according to Matthew pilot said to them you have a guard of soldiers.

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You have the Guard soldiers your own soldiers go and make it is secure if you can. And there's a there's a kind of a little Jaiden there make it a security can go ahead you know and.

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It's clear that it's not going to work and pilot is put in this role of being a doctor on both sides. To make it is to hear if you can go ahead do your best so they went with the guard made it to a secure by healing the Stones In other words they put some kind of a seal on the stone so that it apart from it getting a heavy stone.



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It couldn't do it because there was something holding it in place. So then after the Sabbath after the Saturday on the 1st day of the week as the 1st day of the week was gone and now again we get we get slightly different references here but it's clear that the women you know one of the golf course.

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Before that gun had with them another one says while in law the day was dawning you know Asher sunrise but it's clear that very early in the morning Mary Magdalen on the other Mary whoever that Mary was went to see the tomb what's missing here that we're used to seeing.

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Listed Well they don't tell they don't debate among themselves of who's going to how are we going to get it open Yes there's no question they're not asking themselves who is going to open the great for us.

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But also of missing. They're not marrying East crisis they're not carrying any embalming spices.

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They have no expectation that they're going to embalm Jesus Adam when and when Joseph puts the body in the tomb there's no mention of the ball not just a clean linen.

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Ok Why would Matthew leave that out do you think any when they get those probably because somebody else said that. Well it doesn't say anything about anybody do not know.

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Joseph took the body and it clearly I mean this is late afternoon they want the body ground because because of travel and so he grabs the body wrapped it in the key put it in the in the grave and goals are stolen from her but the emphasis is on how quickly and you know.

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That have to get done so the other the other golf balls have a mention of this just care being given to get his body why wouldn't Matthew. Know guesses he's trying he's trying to show there's no doubt about this that the that the women.

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Did not have doubts he's trying to make it more of a fait accompli that this was an expected happening for his Jewish audience yeah yeah good point. I don't know.

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But I know my my guess is that is what that was that Alex that made that point now do you know. Who was that it was me Bob was that Alex.

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Bob Ok Bob Bob Ok yeah I think I think my guess my hunch is that. What was Matthew is doing here is saying you don't need to embalm this body because it doesn't mean it's not going to stay in the grave.

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Ok that's at some level. This is something that doesn't need to happen who knows you know that that's just a guess so Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb.

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And if any of you. If any of you have had.

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Someone die and couple of days later you go to make sure the grave is Ok I don't know but there's a new object certainly schools are made. To go out and some time at the graves and.

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Make sure the we've been cleaned out from that there's saw that been put over the. Over the trial of mud the go on and so forth so that's not my sense that they've just gone.

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To mourn to sit by the tomb and mourn. So they went to see the tomb they're there they're not worried about opening the 2. Or anything suddenly there was a great earthquake for a name to law school board because anything can happen can and will back with almost out of.

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They're there for the event and the grade is open. Not to allow them access to the body but to give them an encounter with the reality of what would happen to the body is already gone before to Ms Olson.

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It's not that often in. Paintings and artistic representation do you see Jesus coming out of the tomb. With the guards laying like that man and so on and so forth no before the group the tomb is ever opened the body is gone.

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The resurrection takes place before the tomb is opened. Up on point but interesting so this angel comes in and rolls about the stone you break the steel and the walls that was gone and he sits on a month to say There you go Done Done and done.

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Even the parent says like lightning is clothing why that snow. Now one of the things that you find in in in Matthew is the natural. Occurrences in nature to Mark.

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Much special event you know the star or something. Matthew seems to like to have the drama. Of the. Great event being marked by a particular saying still here we have just the 1st quake no one else mentions the nerd quick.

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But I think what he's trying to do is again make a point for a Jewish audience that whenever God acts there's something physical that takes great. The. The seed is driven by.

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The mountain is. Such playing with fire. The rock is broken open and water flows all these charges just things that. Happen whenever God takes takes action and so there again this is this is what happens when you when God comes and raises to this from the dead.

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Any thoughts or comments so far. That this is written right after Mark right. Well not right after probably because of the Gospel the next spring and yet.

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Again. The guess is that Matthew was written a couple of years ahead of not much map you look up pretty contemporaneous but not the written probably 15 years maybe after it after Mark.

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So there might be some embellishment of the original story is meant. To remember you know. This is just is where Mark's gospel and they see they see this young man dressed in a light row.

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Who gives them the message and they run away but there are a brave men don't tell anybody anything. Ok great but here and again this raises the question why does Matthew make it an angel rather than a young man.

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I mean it's pretty clear that Matthew and Luke had had Mark to copy from and this is one of those places where Matthew changes it so what is he trying to tell us by making it an angel.

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That this is God's doing. Yeah yeah that's not that's nonsense any time any time to get a name though I think when you get a name don't. The.

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Bodies taking action and that's. An end to all of the Lord is one of the ways that get that translated and where we heard Angela the Lord previously and Matthew's Gospel anybody didn't twig cookout.

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What I want he came over to our physics Mary counter. Sorry say again was elevator the Lord came from Mary you know that Luke and actually Ok sorry.

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The end soul of the Lord appeared to Joe to in a dream. Saying Do not be a pray to take Mary as your wife and the announcement the announcement it's good.

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Not to marry Ok all right he interesting there is.

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A and then when they're when they're in Bethlehem an angel of the Lord come to just sit there in the dream again and says pleaded you get. When they're in Egypt an envelope the Lord comes to Joseph and says it's Ok to go home Ok.

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So there's whole again God is taking action God is directing event blew his messengers the angels remember the angel Templi named messenger. Ok then Angel of the Lord this is not Gabriel Luke was Gabriel coming to visit Mary this is a just a moment to love the Lord one of the your garden variety angels.

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Right if I could if we go back to 266 and following Jesus isn't going to end he says it's for his carriage. 1st say that again I'm missing it 266 and the story that comes after is the woman who unknowingly Jesus and Jesus says it's for his very So Mad Love is taking this very seriously right that great he is a good point yeah.

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He's done this in preparation for my death so the anon thing has taken place just not after he died we were like. Well as the women in the arc have been that hasn't registered with them so they're bringing the spices you know they're doing what they always do right they're doing the women do that's right.

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And they're taking the risk of going to the tune Ok it's not a it's not a smart thing in the not time to see him go into the with a gracious sight.

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Known criminal. Intent and you know we so we leaving the story go ahead but or you could say I've never gotten close readings comparing these resurrection narratives before and they're so different when you read them closely it makes you wonder how anybody could argue for a literal interpretation of the gospels when they when they conflict so much yeah yeah yeah and I think you know like to me there's a couple of things going on the fundamental question is one of what are the gospel writers trying to tell us.

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What you know what the. Group the. Story it's somebody trying to speak. Now you have got to have Ok so what are the gospel writers trying to tell us also that there was no collusion with the current term there was no collusion between the doctor writing.

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They wrote what was critical for them to communicate to the communities they were far and the good news what. They didn't they didn't cook the books so that it didn't try to get the story straight so that it was impermeable to each pellets but with the particular message that what they want to get across.

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So the angel says to the women. Do not be afraid to. Well yes. That's that's basically the message that any enthrall everytime anybody in the Bible.

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Has an encounter with the angel with an angel. The last the 1st Not just don't be afraid because they're always afraid. But the word that's used here and hide again I don't have the grease that hand but as I've read the words used here do not be a great has the emphasis of you know Hero of the year the soldiers and the guard.

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Who shook and became like that man. For fear of him for fear of the enjoy old guard look and became like that man and then just as to the women even if you do yours to told me that now you don't be afraid not like them don't be like them Ok it's got that kind of emphasis it's not just don't be afraid but don't be like them I know that you're looking for Steve Jobs he's not here he is going to raise the common people a place where he lays the angel invite them to look.

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Then go quickly and tell us disciples he had been raised from the dead and is going ahead of you to Galilee there you will see him. Ok so and then they they encounter Jesus on the on the prophet as they're going to tell the disciples a couple of things Jesus met them and said Greetings they came and took hold of his feet again a physical a physical action and work up to him.

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And there's there's a truckload a couple of times and then Matthew's Gospel where people encounter Jesus and worship him. Even before the resurrection. And Jesus says then do not be

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afraid a different a different tone and don't be afraid don't worry Joe and tell my disciples No Go on tell my brothers chosen family.

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Member that Jesus says you know who are my brother my mother and my brothers and sisters there are those who do the will of God. And these are my brothers those who have betrayed me are elevated could be chosen family and others rather than just Bernard or disciples or even apostles.

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They were on their guard to go to Galilee and there that there they will see Mick So a couple of things here. The women have an encounter with the risen Christ but that this there's no further.

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There's no further encounters Jesus doesn't appear to Peter. He doesn't.

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It doesn't appear to the disciples right away. It's simply to the women. And they are commissioned to go and while the rest are going to where they will where they will.

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Be. So why Galilee Well Mark says Galilee.

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And Mark and Matthew both put the majority of Jesus' ministry in Gallatin. With his again remember it's a record good Galilee of the Gentiles and. And so they're bringing their There's this sense of bringing things to a place from.

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Where we began is where we will him to be down in Galilee and you go back there and not be. Any questions are taught so far.

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We It has dropped out that we are singling out Peter go tell my brothers it isn't especially Peter Exactly. Why why might that be. That's what I have been puzzling.

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About because I don't believe Peter how does.

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Peter gets gets to talk to Jesus about his denials but I was just looking back to his affirmation that. Jesus is the Christ in Matthew 16 and trying to figure out is that.

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Well how does that fit into the story I don't know I'm not I'm maybe off on a wild goose chase here I don't know I think you know again I don't I haven't found any good explanation for why Peter is missing here because it clear that from Corinthians one Corinthians from very early on Peter is acknowledged as one of the key leaders.

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So. And this would be a game you know Peter was likewise crucified later on some crime and probably in the sixty's.

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So this would be closer to the time why isn't why isn't he acknowledged. The only the only sort of query I have in my head about this isn't.

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Just for some time I mean in the early church there was there was a struggle to be in the leadership. There was the conflict between. Paul and Peter the conflict between Paul and the church it too it's a long.

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Head of the church in Jerusalem with James. Ok. And and Peter is off in Rome. Peter is away from Jerusalem soldiers not at the at the core of where the swears allegiance capital community is.

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And by that time they are just cursed because they are to be the truckling of the Temple days the Roman. Taking taking liberal arts. By the time but that time.

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Peter would have already been dead. So by the time Matthew's Gospel is written Peter is gone he's not part of that that core area so if Matthew. Is Matthew being written for the community in Jerusalem who you know have long since.

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I mean they would they must've known Peter but would have long since. Developed their own leadership in Jerusalem probably around James and whoever took over after him just Peter on the other hand are dead wrong.

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Probably around the same time as Paul. And the 2 of them. Are ministering there so there's their questions here that we don't have any satisfactory answers for but it's clear that Matthew is not.

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Toeing the party line that developed later about Peter being. The kingpin to be like the of the priesthood movement. Box. With a p.d.f. which of course is always right.

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Up. In with a p.d.f. breakdown of Matthew 28 there's quite a bit on the absence of Peter. It says that. That is the decision to drop Peter it's been speculated upon over the centuries it may be leaked is denial of Christ.

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And. It could it could be that he's 1st built up and then he's brought down by this portrayal to emphasize the primacy of Jesus so that was that's one theory.

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That had to do with Niall and then they want they want to make sure Jesus His Son is the head of the church and not you know. What And that would also make sense if the gospel is written for the community and.

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In groups along with. Which. Is being decimated as opposed to the Roman community which is starting to have a sense because of that the seat of power.

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Yeah interesting stuff. And I would argue that Matthew I would argue just mash he was writing to a community in Antioch and maybe they just simply don't know Peter's You know he did not important.

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And I say I say that I say Antioch because it does always struck me as curious and that's And Matthew Chapter 4 when it says he began teaching in their meaning Jesus in their synagogue in you know here there and wherever places then and he says can see or you.

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Hike why would he say and Syria so my hunch is that's just pointing to where they want. Yet anyway. The other the other if you with that of course is that Antioch is the area where the word John's Gospel is probably to be implemented.

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So there is a dipole dynamic because well. Sure. And we think of areas and big swaths And you know people walk and most you know steadily at 3 miles an hour.

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So I thought I said I come from New Jersey and we have a little settlement you know but we're just clusters of how's that is one point and they're all the 3 more they went in sections of 3 miles so they say we're now hours walk apart you know when I Who are you just kind of whiz past.

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Yeah exactly right that's that harkens back to the Gospel for a lot of them they. Of the wrote to m a s and the disciples of the 2 detectives walk in there and I'm a s. is about 3 miles walk.

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Ok and the other doctors comment. Ok so then we go on.

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And there's that little vignettes about the Guard. While they were going from of the guard women to the city and told the t.v. priests everything what happened this is where I think that this guard is a temple Guard they're not.

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They're not Roman soldiers woman told you. Would not report to the chief priests they'd report for their superiors.

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So what problem what we have here I think is.

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Again it's pretty clear that one of the stories I mean at the end of next and yet not the sense in this story is still told among the Jews to this day clearly wherever it is there are wherever this community is.

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That story is current that the body was stolen and and that the whole resurrection tale is a lot. Now so what what math is doing is giving a rationale for why.

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There were guards there and that they even saw what happened. And. They have they have exacerbated the lies that the bodies were still don't. And they.

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Are the team. That Chung to the governor's ears. As we worked out this financial trouble so now then the question becomes why the governor the governor was the pilot not carriage air it would be you would be the person what might be concerned that that would Tendulkar.

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Why would the governor be concerned about about a potential barge except that he is he's the one who said you know that's the guard and and who's the one with responsible for any disruption in.

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In the way things were going in his 1st get out if. We don't have a we don't have a fully satisfactory answer and we don't have hard evidence for either way but there you go so they took the money and did as they were directed.

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Thoughts or questions. Ok so then the last little piece.

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Now here you argue this this is the 11 disciples. Be. The 11 disciples went to Galilee to the mountain to its users had directed them again there is this mountain imagery that comes forward.

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That that Jesus has given them the new law. From the mountain and south the is commissioning from the mountain. When they saw him they worshiped him but some doubt had.

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The question is some doubted or did they all die because they all worship them doubt or did some worship another voted. It just. Costs off to in recollection of Thomas ducking doesn't name them and it's that some when you're witnessing a risen Lord how do you doubt.

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And I think this goes back to the the fundamental meaning of the word. Doug simply means questions Ok. It means that there are on and search queries about what's going on.

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A lot of people. Heard preachers preach against that I always support. Because that. Is where we grow stout is when we ask questions and be can our understanding and our relationships with job if I have a question about something that's going on I'm going to push deeper into it and come to a lot of purpose around in terms of my own that far as I'm concerned.

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So so I would I would posit. That worship and dumped are 2 sides of the same coin. And they belong together. And I thank Matthew for putting this in there the way he did it that.

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You know any any college teacher will tell you the students don't have questions you're worried yet they're only really reading when they're asking questions right yep yep that's where the growth.

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And you're in good company I think the only thing I ever understood about Paul when reading Paul Tillich was that he said that that doubt was a sign of saying.

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Yes. You know. There's a great note in my study bible on this on this person Ok there it says the mixed response is typical of the disciple.

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Which is true you know they have always got 2 things among a certain people are. People or I guess part of the charge of the whole of the Gospels I think.

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It opens up a whole whole area of our very being that we have questions and those questions are important and should be on our. Own. And yeah you're right it's so typical especially in Mark where they they never seem to get it in thing right.

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Yeah. And. So to just comes and says to them all of that already in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Jesus says that the couple of times of the gospel.

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It also speaks to. The whole matter of. The Incarnate just. As they are the authority of God that is takes and blow them up. And the authority of God is.

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Being manifested here. In the words of Jesus heaven and earth all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me there's another and little piece here in heaven and on earth.

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It's. Part of part of the. The weight if you like of the story of the Garden of Eden is that heaven and earth are one at that point.

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But God is not separate from the earth not separate from the garden the they're all the columns that earth from heaven are all the unity is this all the created.

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Is is one in God and that the 2 is. Is what breaks that relationship between heaven and earth. And so part of what part of the weight of what did that is saying here is that his action is the law which is death and resurrection has read by the have them and are together.

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That our relationship has drug has been restored. There there's a reconciliation that has happened but that reconciliation has this cosmic element that heaven and earth are now ringing in the by and in the Word of God in Christ in the in the in the crowd just God.

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And it's all been given to him. Which I find. Very much politics convert more to. What we when we speak when we need to talk to.

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Each apostle the people like. When we speak the Gospel we are carrying the us authorities of Christ who had brought have him and are together when we pray the girl the Lord's Prayer.

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We ask the job be done On earth as it is just. The fashion in the t.v. room or them but like any. We going to work with the purpose of the argument.

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And also the kingdom come. I can them from what I do will be done to him to come down years yet. And so that's that's exactly where we are we we live in that some people agree pert even there's a limit all time partners that we are between.

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The rest elation of Haddam and their actual injuries is the poll. Question But the final poll number of that when it comes up again. And it manifests as well and hope for.

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The other thing too is that you know that that fits in with the whole. Thing about. God Jesus inviting the disciples to come to Galilee to meet him on the mountain.

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That's Here is where are the division the free to them and here is where women mystery because that fulfillment. Of cleansing in Christ in the world has come on pope's article.

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So you. Go there for. Naked cycles but all make one. That ties in them in the name of the Father and of autonomy of the Holy Spirit now.

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That's interesting because it's clear that this is what beginning to happen within the church. That this crowd that has all the gear Marse that there is a change because it's one like this.

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The in the in the church when someone is bashed prize. Ok they are baptized so they look just in that. In that formulation of the spot where the spawn of the Holy Spirit which already beginning to proclaim.

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The other question and some people or the observation that some people put forward as if this is a later edition. That in fact. Has become clearly. The is the way and that we need to be a safe place in the community that this little both few words are put in there.

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To. Lend authority and credence to a liturgy. That has been developed in the tradition of the. So again those there's no proving that one way or another but just going to.

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What baptismal. Is not to want to die. When you are not coming to you are plugged underwater you enter into the pool. Imagery of being one of the water is that you're entering into that dashed life away thing that is within that limb to do that when.

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You go down in it with tombs a living person and you've come out others approve and you put them in Christ. And the last thing Kemble done is.

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I would pause with the last thing symbolism should secondary to the death and resurrection symbolism of that. But when. That that's the power that has a lot more empathy for an adult baptism than it does for mention.

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Lot of people I'm sure others run into that there's the agreement with a lot of objections from people about why are we talking about. Cleansing these children from their sin when they're clearly immersed in babies I mean how can they have children they need to have walked away.

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And then you have to fall back on the. What the logical understanding of original sin and then when you start trying to claim that to a young couple of parents about their baby it when.

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It can get. Up. Close I think it's important that we. That people understand that that baptism is. Is. The whole notes of entering into the life of Christ that we enter into is death as well as his resurrection.

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And teach them to obey everything that I have commanded just so what's the core commandment. To love God and love each other yet and to love one another as I have loved you.

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May. And this is the thing I think that probably the most difficult part. Of our of our Christian. Faith is that all of the same motions.

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Loving one another as trust as well that other self-sacrifice. And and I think for me I see that too in the creation. That. Scepticism for time in sermons that.

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The 1st and most most of the time when you ask people what the 1st nature of God they're going to say last. But actually the person nature of God is Being and.

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And so God is the source of all being and go there is the very essence of God is exist and God shares that existence without God Dr Price has his own existence so that we can be so that we can.

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Exist you know this so that we can live. And so we see that in this whole thing of the of the the crucifixion and resurrection. That God in Christ sacrifices again mix that ultimate sacrifice and then we are called to enter into that like self given service which is so difficult for our egocentric souls.

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To do. To take to take what we think belongs to us and give it away. I think it did it's just very difficult.

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The whole notes and the sacrifices. In it and it gives rise to that whole thing about loving your enemy. I mean how can we love our enemy how can when we're talking about love here we're talking about serving another person.

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So how do we serve how do we choose to serve our enemy. And that you know it seems to me that that's where the Holy Spirit comes in that that work with the whole purpose of the Spirit is to empower us and to give us the strength to be able to do that anyway I want to hop into another sermon to yours to help.

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Those airport. Or and make disciples of all masons and not just of the Jewish nation but all nations it's clear by now that the the early church in madness times.

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Has Luther that understanding just Jesus comes for all people not just the just belief. That positing them in the name of the Trinity. Peace being them to obey everything that I command and that reassurance remember I'm with you always to be and to be a the end of the age of being when he returns.

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What that was my question. Is. If he is with us to the end of the day is Matthew. Not concerned with Ascension and the Peruvian. Current will not.

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Win at all because that's kind of the end of it you know we don't have Jesus leaving the mountains we don't what we assumed that you know he kind of faded out or whatever you know they have at least left to go do it you know he said to them when shooting sure Off you go I.

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Said So if he's with them to the end of the age or other translations are seeing in the present and. Then it would sort of suggests that. I don't know I mean Jesus would be with them in some way that Matthew doesn't just fine.

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And I don't like that rule and I'm like well we don't have volume to use. So I'm very sure that if I. Want to like Luke we don't have a 2nd volume of Matthew where he talks about that yeah.

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But this is this is the same image that Luke uses in the book of Acts. You know when. You say clearly he. That we. Are in your country.

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I always read this as I will be with you spiritually you know. My Presence will never leave you in a metaphorical sort of way. Remember Blessed are those both who we need them have seen me Ok the government promised story.

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Part of part of what the early church clearly have going. Just before all of the Spirit would come on people and they were the talk of the risen Christ spiritually they may not see him or pump him but the power of the spirit is so transformative.

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That it has that impact of. This tension around there with Will. And then in receiving the spirit and receiving the manifestation of the Spirit they they recognize.

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You know I was always taught that the Trinity is not in the Bible and that it didn't happen till the Council of Nicea in the 5th century but there it is in the right here right in the name of the Father in the Holy Spirit Yeah and that's where some people would say that it was added later.

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Ok. I'm I mean this doesn't sound like the kind of thing that Jesus said in the Gospels. So I'm prepared to allow that that's a later at this and it's you know the father.

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In the entity in the scriptures that we have. Both in the gospel of them they have to so God is talked about as father talked about his creator.

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Talked about as one talked about the Holy Spirit but that formulation. But I could kill a thing that we're seeing here very clearly in the name of the Father and His works on them is the Holy Spirit.

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What has all the earmarks of a later development that has been you know that's what we love about the end to. Should make clear what's what with when.

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It's too formal sounding Yeah exactly. Jesus didn't talk in little liturgical formularies. It also doesn't suggest that anybody has worked out what the trinity is I mean that took centuries Yes exactly you know we will tell you they don't have a formula to baptize them in their name.

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That the Trinity but you know to not be able to do any theological bashed around on that. Took time. And the other thing you know I mean I don't know about you folks but.

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I mean I find I love. The intellect will referendum happens when you start trying to deal with the Trinity. But I for one have never been able to make sense of it.

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Me neither the anguish I understand what it's saying I affirm what I was saying but in Christ we see the given face of God I know it's not I buy that.

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The Holy Spirit and powers off to experience the risen Christ them to live as a glorious but Father. Understand all the while that what we're doing here when we develop the I mean if you are your actual Miliard with the.

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Oh what's that 3rd creed the tweet about the Masons Jenny read the credence to me just. Do yourself a favor Tom-Tom and read it as it is it is the ads I mean I have a lot every time I read it because it tips that.

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Will mend those efforts that Apple faces and make it through the make the doctrine of the Trinity make sense. The problem is what we're dealing with is God we're dealing with a mystery we're dealing with something that cannot be articulate and this minute we think we've got God find we've made an idol.

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And that's something and I'm in dismay deals are creating it but I think subject doctrine of the Trinity has become a kind of idol rather than understanding it has.

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The best we can do it with our intellect in defining our experience of God and Father to creator somebody entered their expression of our. Rather than acknowledging the fact simply the best we can do and understanding that it doesn't particularly applying a real energy there will we make it an absolute.

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Unless you can subscribe to this. As the cynic wind on as the absolute basis I need it it took a boundary on trying to understand God and and it I think it's wonderful as far as it goes but as long as the as long as we're not saying somehow we managed to contain God in a dog.

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I could not have what I think. If I wanted I suppose we want to be \$664.00 Jesus says He will return in the class in the clouds.

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So Matthew does have a sense of him coming back stories they say there again. A Matthew 26:64 I am answering or you are the price you speak of the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.

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That but that's what I Not that I don't think that's a refreshment for the Ascension as much as the. Boy was like yeah. You know so anyway jokes the best we can do for that I interrupted someone had a question you know well Ok again the question one of the questions is Why doesn't Matthew include.

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An extension story. You know I mean that Mark doesn't have one John doesn't have one.

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The only Gospel where the only place where we see the objection to it's if it isn't in the book of that. So the question I guess really is why does why does Luke put that in.

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Anyway we'll get to that when we get to Luke. And I think you know part of what part of what's going on here Hartman what's going on here is that you know you're going back to the beginnings to the mythical beginnings to the mystery mysterious beginnings the beginning you can Galilee and it's completed in Galilee and the final commitment and just since the book ended Ok.

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This is the beginning the beginning of the gospel is the. Of Matthew is. Really all of the. Ok. Statement about what what's the gosh it's all about and then here to here is the the other talks and.

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The commissioning the new the new laws and just this is where the disciples States which. Remember the mountain top experiences are always the. Places yok merely with the turn in place of.

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No Ok in Celtic as we're not just in Cal Tech but one of the most important sources about this is in Celtic. Tradition and teaching everybody is familiar with the tell.

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He the Celts the. European tribe moved westward across Europe and eventually wound up being driven to the margins on Monday British style so the Celts a modern day Cal would be they the Welsh the Cornish the Irish and the thought.

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Ok. When they were they were part of the Druid ish traditions. And what they what they understood what took their worst places in the world where. The the barrier between this world in the next world was very.

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Ok. And there they were they would become holy places one when they when they encountered a place that had that kind of experience for them but it would become a holy place so you get well and grow their tree a mountain top Ok so.

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Part of what's going on here is taking that kind of immaturity is that the disciples are adequate and he claims. Jesus doesn't have to go out simply goes beyond what they'll be just moves in and out this would this would recall you know him appearing in a locked room Ok he doesn't have to go up and down he simply moves in and out of the program I'll go beyond.

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That Jerry especially in the spiritual realm and what the disciples got here they are I mean they're asked the beginning of a whole new been engaged in this at one level or seen and by within to another model.

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Reality of the ministry of God among the people and so they. Commissioned me to go on carry that elevation into the world with. Me which is really quite exciting.

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Yeah. Ok anyway I went into the this store and I just like that.

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Reminder of this thing each play because I was thinking about Jake a pounding his vision of his bladder or going to you know in the evening just going up and down that notion that from heaven you know it's like you can just step across Yeah.

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Yeah that I mean that that's it exactly they say the idea. That.

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When you're. When you're in a thin place. That. If you if you just. Turn your head quickly enough you'd be able to see. Ok well if there's no other questions or comments I'm going to ask your indulgence and I'm going to continue with Joseph of Aram at the out.

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Of Here. I think it was I think it was you Alex that was asking about Mary Magdalen and. And what happened to her and where did she go and so on and so forth and there are 3 major.

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3 major story led to the work one is that she went to. With she was part of the community with John the Apostle and the Virgin Merrick which would give credence to this whole notion that the other Mary with Mary Magdalene and the 2 most depletion Mary the mother Jesus.

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It seems as clear like their the other. The other story is that she and Jesus married had children and she went. To the south to spread. And.

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Her royal line from space is defended from the Osprey more to the Mary. McCann and of course that's a print story. For every Because they want to see what that really like you like that Ok Well yeah but that's just not just the French trying to justify their oil a lot Linnaeus are right up to the real the real story is the true the story about what happened to Mary Magdalen that she went would go through a program or must be a and a group another group.

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To this place that that Joseph went as a place of safe keeping. That they went to the south of England and that they arrived at very very plain where the where they weren't.

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Could be good solver to Pedro is just a hammer thrower from the boat on the dose of growth is strapped into the ground. And it blossomed and that became that the Glastonbury form which we are told still exists the day that the poem tree that grows in Rothenburg is it is in fact the.

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Continuation of a sort of the bar of the walking stick and that they form the early church there with which predated the Roman Catholic Church coming in the 500 and that's clear what where ever the.

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However it began there was a church in England before the time. Of. Rome sending Augustine to. This approach and problem and the start of it that's that's my favorite story about Mary Magdalene that she wound up being a being a British maid.

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Well that there are dreaming. Or were any way much else of French many. Strong slaves and. People who held her injury high esteem. And I far as I know they're still around today that I'm.

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Oh yeah if you read. One of the wrong. But I think it's very hard.

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The Vinci Code. Yeah stuff like that said yes. That's what a lot like but. I think there's a lot of that there are. A lot of and yeah there's there's clearly a lot of legendary stuff out there and and there are people who by and good even to that I mean if.

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They're there they're squeak legend that. That are nice to. Sort of. Think about but. But they're not they I think they certainly don't have authority in terms of space.

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Ok and the other comments or questions. All right then the Lord be with you but also recall there also were scenes though before the Lord in all of the games with your most gracious paper further out with your continual help that in all our works because continued and ended in you we may glorify your holy name and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.



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Amen. Now before we go our ways there was a. Comment about the possibility of you doing. That would cause i am allowed.

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Go ahead I have a host account and if we want to use it Ok. Let's wait until we do our next series. And then we'll have a chance to because we'll have to change the direction.

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A website Facebook page can tell on. Yeah and. Bob is everybody you have to. Be audio only. Sorry say again because the audience. Can be want to hear when to send starts and I'm not for example.

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If you see I have a phone call and then. You can tell if you can turn off your video or you can phone and yeah yeah yeah we don't have to we don't have to see you if you don't want us to see you and your Morning Glory Yeah I.

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Don't have to be until I get my buns touch. Until you get your like.

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Buzz Cut she said yeah I'm just about done with this mom. I kept my own here the other day it's not that good but it worked. For you to devote right thank you all for joining in this morning talking to you next week.