

WHAT *does it mean*
to FOLLOW JESUS?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

MATTHEW 27 – 28

1. The crucified king was buried (27:57-61).
2. The buried king was guarded (27:62-66).
3. The guarded king *broke out* (28:1-7).
4. The conquering king was worshiped (28:8-10).

FOLLOWERS *of*
the RISEN KING *have*
new LOVE,
new CONFIDENCE,
& *new* PURPOSE.

“The early Christians weren’t interested in just creating a nice religious story that would encourage people, help them live better lives, and perhaps provide them with a metaphor of hope blooming out of despair that might help them endure the storms of life. No, the early Christians wanted the world to know that they really believed that Jesus had *gotten up out of the grave.*”

Greg Gilbert, *Who is Jesus?*

1.

NEW LOVE

*Followers of this king
must be worshipers.*

“I look at the cross of Christ,
and I know that atonement has been
made for my sins; I look at the open
sepulcher and the risen and ascended
Lord, and I know the atonement has
been accepted. There no longer remains
a single sin on me, no matter how many
or how great my sins have been.”

R. A. Torrey, *The Bible and its Christ*

2.

NEW CONFIDENCE

*Worshippers of this king
need not live in fear.*

“Now God he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Paul (Acts 17:30-31)

3.

NEW PURPOSE

*Fearless worshipers of this king
“go and tell” others about him.*

“It is binding on all Jesus’ disciples to make others what they themselves are—disciples of Jesus Christ.”

“Failure to disciple, baptize, and teach the peoples of the world is already itself one of the failures of our own discipleship.”

D. A. Carson, *Matthew*

MAY *our* RISEN KING
be honored in our

continual WORSHIP,
strong CONFIDENCE,
& *growing* FAITHFULNESS.