

The 7th Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, May 28, 2017

“Beyond the Tomb: The Great Commission”

Matthew 28:16-20

Scripture tells us that we weren't put on this earth by _____. God made us and formed us and has _____ us for a _____. In fact, calling and purpose always go together.

“Before I made you in your mother's womb, I chose you. Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work.” (Jeremiah 1:5)

Mission = *missio* =

Mission = A continuing task or responsibility that one is _____ or fitted to do or _____ called upon to undertake.”

In addition to the _____ purpose that God has for each of us, as Christians, we're called to work together in a _____ mission to bring Christ to the world.

THE 4 'ALL'S' OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

#1. All _____ : A Universal _____.

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted.” (Matthew 28:16-18)

In both the Old and New Testaments, important and _____ events often took place on mountains.

Worship = *proskyneo* =

Worship was reserved for _____; so in falling down before Jesus, the disciples were acknowledging who He truly was. This action also shows us that mission starts and ends with _____.

Although a number of the disciples prostrated themselves, Matthew tells us that some _____. This tells us four things:

- We will continually have to deal with our _____.
- Doubts don't _____ us from mission.
- Within every group, there are some who worship and some who _____.
- The mission of the church is sometimes _____ in the midst of doubt.

“All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me...” (Matthew 28:18)

Authority = *exousia* =

In the context of this verse, it's best thought of as “to _____.” However, the usage is more focussed on the _____ of the authority.

Jesus doesn't have _____ power in this moment than before He was crucified; He was and is the Son of God. What's different is the declaration of His _____ on earth and in heaven.

As Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:27, the Father has given Jesus this authority through the _____ of death, and now He becomes the One through who all of God's authority is _____.

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

Jesus is _____. He is the _____ who declares the Word of God, the _____ who makes sacrifice for sins, and the _____ who mediates God's rule. Everything falls under the _____ of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

#2. All _____ : A Universal _____.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19-20)

“An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” (Matthew 1:1)

An _____ king was promised through David, and from Abraham was promised an heir who would be _____ to all the nations. As such, the disciples are given a mission that's to be _____ in who it reaches—it is to be on-going everywhere, and anywhere, there are people.

4 IMPORTANT POINTS

- _____ . Everything Jesus says—and all that we've been given to do—is based on His universal and unquestioned _____. We are sent out as _____ of the authoritative One, with His authority—not our own.
- _____. This suggest that we're not to _____ around and wait for people to _____ to us—we're to go to them. We are people who are _____ out.

Go = *poreuo* =

We are to make disciples in the _____ course of our lives, wherever we go.

• _____.
Disciple = *mathetes* = *discipulus* =

Jesus has charged His followers with the task of _____ themselves. The mission isn't just a teaching mission; it isn't just a _____ mission; it's a mission, where teaching and truth produce _____ people.

Discipleship is the _____ point and end point for every believer because it is a life-long _____.

• _____.
The target audience that Jesus is commanding His disciples to go to isn't confined to a small group of people or _____ area—it's not just to the Jews that Jesus is sending His disciples, but to all nations—the whole _____.

Nations = *ethnos* = ethnic =

#3. All that I have _____: A Universal _____.
“...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.” (Matthew 28:20)

TWO IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

Baptism = *baptizo* =

Baptism is a ritual of _____ into the life of Christian discipleship. It represents a _____ and purification from _____ and sin's power.

It's a _____ to the old self and our _____-dominated appetites and a rising to the new, _____-controlled life in Him. Baptism is a sign of _____ from the world and identification with the Triune God. It's an outward expression of an inner _____—a public statement of loyalty, _____, devotion, and commitment.

Teaching = *didasko* =

The connotation here is about so much more than just the _____ of content, and _____ alone isn't the goal. _____

Observe = *tereo* =

True discipleship isn't just about _____ knowledge, but teaching people how to _____—how to _____ that knowledge out in their everyday lives—how to allow that knowledge to have it's full _____ in and through them. It's not enough to just _____ the truth—that truth has to _____ one's life.

#4. All _____: A Universal _____.
“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

behold = *idou* =

Jesus knew the mission He was giving the disciples wouldn't be _____. He knew they'd struggle in carrying it out. He knew they were _____ and prone to _____.

A TWO-FOLD PROMISE

• **Jesus is _____ us.**
“I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)

We are not alone because Jesus is with us _____, without break. The implication of this isn't just a future _____, but a _____ reality.

• **Jesus is our _____.**
“...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail it.” (Matthew 16:18)

The Great Commission is ours and we have a _____ to play; however, Jesus will _____ it. And try as he may, the enemy will not _____ because Jesus is the _____ One!

“I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you.” (John 14:8)

The word “Go” isn't just an action or activity—it's a _____. It means that we never treat the Gospel as if it were meant just for _____—to make us happy, whole, and complete. Yes, the Gospel does all of that, but it was meant to be spread and _____.

Our mission from Jesus isn't just to _____ into the culture, blend in, act like, be like, spend like, and look like everyone else. Our mission is to go anywhere the gospel is _____ and especially where it's never been heard

Kings Jesus has won! Go spread His kingdom!