

The 7th Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, May 24, 2020
“More Than Conquerors: Victory Over Meaninglessness”
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, _____ 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)

Worship = *proskyneo* =

These Jewish men, who were _____ by the first and second commandment to worship anyone but the _____ of Israel, fell down and worshipped Jesus. In doing so, they were _____ who Jesus 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 _____.

“God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.” (Ephesians 1:22)

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)

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* =

3 USES OF 'DISCIPLE' IN THE BIBLE

- Anybody who's being trained or _____ by someone else.
- Specifically to Jesus' 12 selected _____.
- In the Book of Acts, once the faith spread from Israel into Antioch, it became synonymous with the new term _____.

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.

Discipleship is the mission of the church because it's the definition of what it means to be a _____.

#4. I am _____ you always: 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!