

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
AUGUST 18, 2021
MATTHEW 28:16-20

INTRODUCTION:

1. After Jesus was resurrected, He appeared to His disciples and commissioned them to preach the gospel to the world.
 - a) Jesus first appeared to His disciples in Jerusalem on the first day of the week after Mary reported that she had seen Him. (Luke 24.8-11,21,33-39; John 20.19,20)
 - b) Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples in Galilee. (Matt. 28.16; John 21.1)
 - c) Finally, Jesus and the disciples made their way back to Jerusalem where Jesus ascended back to the Father. (Luke 24.49-53; Acts 1.1-3)
2. The great commission is recorded in three different accounts with different emphases.
 - a) Matthew's account takes place in Galilee emphasizing a changed life. (Matt. 28.18-20)
 - b) Mark's account takes place in Jerusalem emphasizing a changed destiny. (Mark 16.14ff)
 - c) Luke's account take place in Jerusalem emphasizing a changed past. (Luke 24.44-48)

I. THE GOSPEL CHANGES LIVES

- A. There is a claim that is made.
 1. **MATTHEW 28.18:** *"All authority is given to Me in heaven and on earth"*
 2. Authority (exousia): The power to command and expect to be obeyed.
 3. Jesus has *"all authority."* Nature, salvation, worship, everything. (John 16.7)
 4. There is one exception. (1 Cor. 15.27,28)
- B. There is a command that is issued.
 1. **MATTHEW 28.19:** *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations"*
 - a) The word "go" suggests an action you take as you go.
 - b) We are to be proactive in our efforts to reach the lost.
 2. What is a disciple? (Acts 11.26; 1 Pet. 2.10)
 3. **MATTHEW 28.19:** *"baptizing them in the name of the Father..."*
 - a) Baptizing (baptizo): Immersion that results in permanent change.
 - b) The word is in the form of a participle indicating how the command is carried out.
- C. There is a challenge that is given.
 1. **MATTHEW 28.20:** *"teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you."*
 2. As a new life begins, disciples need to learn how to live. (Heb. 5.11-14; 1 Cor. 3.1,2)
- D. There is comfort that is promised. (Matt. 28.20)

II. ARE YOU CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION?

- A. Relentless
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 9.19:** *"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more."* (cf. Gal. 5.13)
 2. Paul's love for the lost was seen in his passionate pursuit of them. (Rom. 9.1-3; 10.1)
- B. Relation
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 9.20-22:** Paul related to them in a way they could understand.
 2. Paul was always careful not to alienate anyone. (Acts 16.1-3; 17.22ff)
- C. Relationship
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 9.23:** *"that I may be partaker of it with you."*
 2. Paul found great joy in those who shared in the fellowship of the gospel. (Phil. 1.3-8)