

## Walking with Jesus through the Eyes of Matthew

### “Go”

Matthew 28:16-20

*God Commands Me in His Word – Love Him with All my Heart, My Soul, My Mind  
- and to Love One Another as Myself*

**Introduction:** These are the last Words that Matthew records of Jesus.

1. I have always thought I would like to preach my own funeral!
    - Sounds pretty morbid I know but there are some things I would like to say and I might not get to say them at the end when it's my time to go.
    - Well why not just say them now that way you can make sure they get said well the problem is they would have the same impact.
  - Last words have profound impact, last actions, last words those are the things that people really remember about us.
    - So of course not know when we are going to leave this world we should leave as if every word spoken is our last and every action is the last thing we will do.
  - I wonder how much that would change our life.
2. But I said all of that to say this: These are some of the last words of instruction that Jesus chose to leave to His disciples and to His followers:
    - **18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 [a]Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you [b]always, even to the end of the age.”** Matthew 28:18-20

**Transition:** I want to answer some simple questions concerning these final instructions from Jesus before He left to take His rightful place at the right hand of the Father.

A. The first question is why should I make disciples isn't that the Pastor's job, the church's Job.

1. Well that is true and we will look at that a lot closer next week but for now let me just say this you are the church so it is your job and here is why you should do it.

**I. We Should Make Disciples Because Jesus Has the Authority to Tell Us To**  
Verse 16-18

A. So Jesus sets up this meeting with His disciples for right before He is about to ascend into heaven and they show up and they are worshipping Him but there is still some confusion and even doubt.

1. Wow does that not sound familiar?

➤ Sometimes we show up for church the same way don't we!

- We come to worship and we believe but there sometimes just these nagging doubts that drive us crazy!

- Maybe we have just had a bad week, things are not great at work or school, the family dynamic is not working so good for whatever the reason the enemy has just planted some seeds doubt in your mind about what God is doing in your life.

2. Listen that's all the enemy wants to do is create a little bit of doubt.

- You know what a little bit of doubt does it destroys faith and without faith it is impossible to please God and that is a victory for the enemy.

B. But when there is doubt and Jesus knew there was doubt and confusion about what was going on and He knows that we struggle as well that's

why He called this meeting and that is why these were some of His last Words.

1. Listen to how He calls the meeting to order "ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME"
    - Where? In Heaven and on Earth!
  - Well that would make Jesus God then wouldn't it!
  2. That would mean that everything that He had taught them was real and everything that He said would happen had happened!
  - Can't you just see their faith growing!
    - Their minds must have been rushing back through all the things that He had taught them about Himself.
    - They must have been remembering all the miracles they had seen Him perform
    - They must have remembered Him saying He had to die and raise again for their sin!
- C. Church, Sometimes we to have a meeting with Jesus.
1. We need to be reminded:
    - We He carried you through the storm you thought you could never get through!
    - When you saw Him perform miracles things that only God can do!
    - Sometimes we need to be reminded that he defeated death Hell and grave we are in Him and nothing can touch us not even death itself.
  - And it is all in that phrase All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth I am who I said I was.

**Transition:** Why should we go and make disciples?

1. Because the Jesus has the Authority to send us and empower us!

- So what is it that Jesus in some of His last Words on earth is instructing us to do?

- Make Disciples!
- Well, ok what exactly does that mean to make disciples?

## II. What is it Exactly Am I Supposed to Be Doing Verse 19-20a

A. Well first He said “Go” that means there is some action involved.

1. That means there is more to it than just waiting for someone to show up at church.
  - Quite frankly it means more than us just showing up at church!
  - Jesus is sending us out!

- Go invite someone to hear God’s Word, share God’s Word, and get the Word of God’s Word into people’s lives believers and unbelievers everyone needs to hear God’s Word!

B. The two words “Make Disciples” is just one word in the original language “matheteuo” and it simply means to teach.

1. There is a misconception that the great commission is for us to go out and save people that is not what God is calling us to do here He is calling us to teach He is commissioning us under His authority to share the Word of God.
  - Listen to what Paul said *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed [a]from faith to faith; as it is written, “[b]But the righteous man shall live by faith.”* Romans 1:16-17
  - Peter when He was arrested for preaching Jesus was let go and told not to preach in the name of Jesus any more he responded that he was compelled to!

- Church as believer's in Jesus Christ we are under the authority of Christ compelled to share the Gospel the Holy Word of God!
  2. Man is begotten by the Word and so folk will come to Christ share the word of God is evangelism that is are calling but God will save who He will save.
  3. Saving people is not our mission it is not even something we can do our calling is to make disciples make students, learners of the Word of God the Gospel!

**Transition:** This is a tremendous responsibility!

A. God has entrusted us with the most precious thing in existence His Word!

1. We are so unworthy, so incompetent, so unqualified!

- Yet here it is right there Jesus last instructions before He goes back to the Father:

- *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.* Matthew 28:19-20
- But how are we going to carry out such a daunting task?

### III. How Am I Going to Accomplish Such a Task? Verse 20b

A. Jesus promises us that he is always with us!

1. Now I want you to take that in for a moment, You are never alone!

- Jesus said I am with you always!
  - It may not always feel like it but He is always with you there are times I know when it seems as if he is so far away but we must fall to our knees and have a meeting.

- *7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.* James 4:7-10

- Jesus hasn't gone anywhere He said I am with you always!
  2. If you don't feel close then get rid of the things that are hindering your closeness!
    - Pray seek the face of God!
    - Meditate on His Word!
    - Seek ways to serve Him daily
- You will see that regardless of your circumstances that He has never moved that by the Holy Spirit He is with you, He is with every breath you take, every word you speak, every place you go.
  - Jesus does not come in and out of our lives!
- How are we going to take on the incredible task of teaching all the Jesus has commanded teaching the Word of God, spreading the Gospel of Christ to World we are going to do it because he is going to be with us always?
  - B. Jesus said He has all authority and the one with all authority has promised to be with us always!
    1. We have been empowered by God to carry out the mission that God has given us to go and teach the whole the Word of God!

**Closing:** Last Words, Last Words are powerful these were the last set of instructions that Jesus wanted His disciples to hear.

A. These words come right after his resurrection evidence of all that he had taught them!

1. Now they would have to live by faith they would have to rely on all those things that He had taught them and all the things that they had seen.
2. He was going away bodily but His work would continue He was empowering His disciples not to save people or to bring salvation to anyone but to share the awesome power of His life changing Word.

➤ As believers in Jesus Christ we must be careful never to get an attitude of I have my let everyone else find theirs.

- That is not God's design!

= God has a body of believers the Church, the bride of Christ that is to equip the believer to go out and share the Word of God through spoken word and action that others may see and hear the Gospel of Christ that was Jesus final instruction.

= Now let's get busy fulfilling our purpose as the Church the Bride of Christ!