

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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Matthew 28:16-20

The King's Commission

Main Idea:

After the resurrection, Jesus meets His disciples in Galilee and commissions them to make disciples of all the nations. And this mission was not intended only for the Lord's first disciples. Believers today are to continue to make new disciples of Jesus until He returns.

Outline:

In the closing paragraph of his gospel, Matthew accomplishes two big objectives. First, Matthew brings his Christology full circle. Having begun with the royal genealogy of Jesus, he concludes with the Lord's own claim to possess "All authority in heaven and on earth" (v. 18). Put differently, Jesus Christ is Lord and King. Second, Matthew records the King's commissioning of His disciples to serve Him by making disciples of all the nations.

1. The Meeting
2. The Mission
3. Our Magnificent Assurance

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 According to Matthew's gospel, who is Jesus? Support your answer with appropriate verses.

#2 Matthew tells us in 28:17 that when the disciples saw Jesus, "they worshiped Him, but some were doubtful." In the message, Pastor Vaughn said that Matthew's point is not to invite us to question their faith in Jesus. Why not? Is there a better way to understand/describe how the disciples initially felt on this occasion than to think that they doubted Jesus personally?

What did Jesus do to break through their puzzlement and calm their hearts?

#3 What did Jesus commission the disciples to do? What does that work entail?

#4 In whose authority do we make disciples? Practically speaking, why should that encourage us?

#5 According to the message, what is the purpose of baptism?

#6 What is the key to our being able to continue to grow in holiness?

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