

## OVERFLOW MATTHEW 28:11-20

The contents are spilling out.

vs. 13, Start this conspiracy theory.

Definition: a theory that rejects the standard explanation for an event and instead credits a covert group or organization with carrying out a secret plot.

The disciples are engaged in a secret plot... they have stolen the body.

Matthew ends his gospel through connection.

1:23, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

Immanuel - God with us

28:20, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

2:2, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose[a] and have come to worship him."

28:18, And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

2:11, And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

28:17, And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

28:19, all nations

Jesus spent his whole life in Israel walking with his people, but spoke of a mission to the nations.

15:24, He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

10:5-6, These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

10:18, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

What do we tell? Who do we highlight? Why is it news worthy?

The death of Jesus is gut wrenchingly tragic and mind boggling triumphant!

- His death was long predicted.
- It was freely chosen.
- It was full of purpose.

Jesus became a sin offering for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Light shines because of the resurrection!

Is there meaning in the suffering and hardship of this life?

Is there hope in hours of darkness?

YES!!

We can be champions of life.

We can value God's design.

All of this is important because of the resurrection.

But it can't be separate from discipling the nations.

Question: Has Jesus captured me to the point of excitement, satisfaction, and joy? Do I believe and trust that the resurrection is good news...that it is the best news? Do I embrace the struggles of life?

vs. 17, but some doubted

Some -> Acts 1:15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said...Believed but hesitated.

Same word used when Peter came to Jesus on the water.

14:31, Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Believed...then hesitated.

The journey toward mature faith is difficult.

No one understands everything right away.

Question: In what areas of your faith are you hesitant? What work could be done in those areas to build more confidence? Who can I invite to help me in these areas?

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Starts: All Authority -> it is no longer restrained. Jesus' full authority is present.

"Jesus came to serve but now he will be served." ~ D.A. Carson

Finishes: I am with you always

1:23, with us to redeem

18:20, in our midst to purify and restore

28:20, with you always to disciple the nations

We have his strength, his Spirit, his presence, and his comfort for our mission!

The central command (the point) -> Make Disciples!

Not...tell people about Jesus.

Not...preach the gospel.

Not...do good things in Jesus name.

The kingdom belongs to those who bear fruit.

21:43, Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

13:38, The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

How?

1. Going into the world.
2. Make plans.
3. Take initiative.
4. Pray for those who do not know.
5. Baptizing into the Name.
6. Confess Jesus is God.
7. Identify with Jesus in public. The faith described in God's word is not private. It is not consumer focused. It is not selfish.
8. Teaching to obey every last thing Jesus says.
9. From the heart. There is no hate. We do not despise or mock.
10. All Jesus commands (not just what we like). Loving our neighbor, serving others, controlling our impulses (anger, pride, love of money).

Jesus' purpose is not enlightenment (you have the knowledge now save yourself).

His purpose is deliverance.

His purpose is restoration.

His purpose is for us to truly understand our created purpose.

ALL Authority

Nations

that Jesus commands the days of our lives

Question: Will you allow the gospel of Matthew to radically alter the rest of your life? Will this study be an ebenezer? For you, for your family, for our church? How will all of Jesus' teaching transform your life?

Are other people's lives as precious to me as my own?