

This Morning's Sermon

Always With You

This month we have focused on Jesus' faithfulness to the Father throughout his entire ministry and how it inspires our faith. Now, we reach the conclusion of Jesus' ministry on earth on the cross. On the cross we see a confusing end to the story. This inspirational leader was struck down by the establishment and crucified in a humiliating end... His disciples didn't see it coming. They felt abandoned...but Jesus hadn't left them. The world didn't overcome Him. He overcame the world, left us with one final command and one final promise. How will we respond to the final words of Jesus?

I. Jesus is the First and Final Authority (Matthew 28.18)

- A. He stepped down from Heaven, and lived a perfect life in a broken world. "The Word became flesh and dwelt _____" John 1.14
- This fallen world can't separate us from His love
 - Our own brokenness can't break Him
- B. "Despising the _____..." He inspired our faith, overcame death and was crowned a perfect King. Hebrews 12.2
- He never asks more than He was willing to give.
 - So we know that He lives on in us still...He is always with us.

II. A Final Command... When God says "_____" (Matthew 28.19-20a)

- A. How do we respond to Jesus when He says "Go?"
- Genesis 12.1... "Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.'"
 - "But I'm not good enough..." "What if...?" We all think this.
- B. Jesus had taught and equipped them about 3 years... now it was time to act.
- "Go and make _____..." What did that look like?
 - Jesus' vision for the church, realized in the Acts of the Apostles 8.4. "Now those were _____ went everywhere preaching the Word."
- C. What is the difference between discipleship and church membership?
- One is comfortable, the other is devoted and purposeful.
 - Luke 6.40. "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be _____ his teacher."

III. A Final Promise... "_____" (Matthew 28.20b)

- A. He is with us still...we can experience it for ourselves
- By His Spirit (1 Corinthians 3.16)
 - In His _____ (Daniel 2,44, Acts 20.28b)
 - In His final will and testament, the Bible (Romans 10.17)
- B. The Pattern for Trusting God (Faithfulness to the Father)
- "To fulfill all righteousness..." Matthew 3.15
 - "It is written..." Matthew 4.4
 - "Not _____ will, but your will be done." Luke 22.42
- C. The Pattern for Loving Others
- Loving others means helping them get to Heaven. "He came to _____ and save the lost." Luke 19.10.
 - Jesus poured into other people's lives, so they could do the same for others. We empower each other to overcome this world and point people to Heaven.

Jesus was perfect in faith, even when subjected to every attack that Satan had to offer. He endured the cross for us and gave His life... but our Savior hasn't left us. He may not be walking around here on the earth, but He lives in us. He overcame death to show us exactly who He is and has breathed victory into our lives, even when we were weak and broken. He has given us victory. Will you step into that victory today? Will you own the mission and the promises of the Holy One? The time is now.

Speaker

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Scripture Reading

Luke 22.39-46

Thinking Through Today's Lesson

- How do we know Jesus is King?
- What is the significance of Jesus' final command in Matthew 28?
- How are you participating in Jesus' mission given in the final command?
- What is the significance of Jesus' final promise in Matthew 28?
- What does it mean to "Behold" Jesus in our lives?

Notes

Answers

Scattered	My
Disciples	Like
Among Us	Go
Kingdom	Shame
Seek	Behold