

Sermon Reflections

The Commission from King Jesus - Part 1 (Matthew 28:16-20)

Summary: The risen Jesus' last words on earth! His Commission – with Words of instruction to His disciples for the days ahead without His physical presence to accomplish His Purpose.

1. His Desire for the Nations (Matthew 28:16)

- To assist our understanding, as His disciples, Jesus met His disciples in that day in Galilee, with purpose to Commission them with a **charge** to do the Great Work of going into all the world to tell the “Good News.” Galilee was away from the Capitol, out in the country and one of the last stops before leaving the land of the Hebrews. The charge was to tell the good news of Jesus' life, death AND RESURRECTION, which was to be told not only to Galilee but to the whole world!
- How do you see this truth - (Go you! into all the world and preach ...) - this living illustration as applying to us today in Midlothian Virginia? How does this truth fit into your life, your home, your workplace, your neighbors, in short, the ‘world’ your life touches every day? How many times per day does the good news of Christ leave your mouth? Paul said, “Christ I proclaim.”

2. The Doubt of Some Disciples (Matthew 28:17)

- Doubt? How could **this** possibly be? Disciples, in the very presence of a touchable, dynamic, risen Son of God? How could a disciple possibly **not believe**? However, if you have trusted Jesus Christ for any length of time you personally know within the dynamics of this world how this is quite possible. You know of God's infinite mercy and grace! This doubt describes a “weakness of the faith;” a “momentary faltering.”
- Knowing and understanding this doubt, how are you able to demonstrate compassion and understanding with a weaker brother or sister? How do you come alongside and strengthen the one who is faltering or possibly not living up to your expectations? What are some ways you can apply this fact to your own personal walk?

3. The Directive from King Jesus: Make Disciples! (Matthew 28:18-20)

- That makes our mission simple, all we have to do, according to Jesus, is to make disciples. A disciple is a learner and a follower and a member. A learner – is one who learns from their Master. A follower – is one who not only learns but **obeys** his or her Master.
- How are you doing as a learner? How are you doing as a follower? What grade would you give yourself in each of these areas? Is there room for improvement? The third aspect of being a disciple is to be a “member” - a member of a body. No one can be a ‘lone ranger’ and maximize their effectiveness. What can you do this week to exercise your gifts and abilities to serve the church and be used by God to accomplish His work and further His Kingdom?