

IV. Not Sufficient for the Mission (vs. 20)

- A. Behold: pay attention, observe, perceive...

- B. I am with you...

- C. All the days; until the end of the age.

LIVE THE STORY

We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.

- What were the limits of the mission prior to the death and resurrection of Jesus? (See chapter 10) How does Jesus change that?
- How does the idea of Jesus being the King of Israel compare with the thoughts we find in Matthew 28:18?
- Can you think of ways either today or in Jesus day that people confused the mission with a political mission? What evidence do we have in Matthew 28:19-20 that it is clearly not that?
- What does it mean to “make disciples”? What is a disciple?
- How did your understanding of the Great Commission grow from this text? How might it have been adjusted?
- What do we see in the Great Commission that points us to the importance of prayer in fulfilling it?
- What are some of the “teachings” or “commands” of Jesus that have effected you the most in Matthew's Gospel?
- What are some ways you can begin making disciples, or have already begun making disciples?
- How does baptism make sure that disciple making is always connected to the Gospel?

How Did the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Change Our Mission?

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Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Introduction: The Radically Changing Mission

- A. *When Jesus died creation was torn asunder, only to be put back together in a new and better way through His resurrection!*

- B. Galilee
 - i. Matthew 4:15-17

- C. *“they worshiped Him, but they doubted.”*

WBC: *“Matthew understands that the fluctuation between worship and indecision is every disciple's struggle.”*

How did the death and resurrection change our mission?

I. Not a National King (vs. 18)

- A. Jesus Rules and Reigns in Heavenly Glory
 - i. Matthew 4:8-9

 - ii. Matthew 26:64 *I will be king of the universe!*

- B. The Mission Grows Out of His Universal Dominion

i. Psalm 22:27-28

ii. Isaiah 60:1-5

II. Not a National Mission (vs. 19)

A. Not just Israel anymore!

B. **Jesus is saying one thing clearly!**

i. Matthew 11:4

ii. *all nations...* not just this one...

a) but they did start there!

iii. ***make disciples (go disciple)***....and it requires an object: *all nations*.

a) *Nations* doesn't refer here to governmental boundaries, but cultural boundaries.

b) *It is not a national mission; it is a cosmopolitan mission! He rules over the world, not one nation!*

III. Not a Political Mission (vs. 19-20)

Two activities define how we disciple:

A. Baptizing

i. Baptism is a commitment and joining.

Steven Hawthorne: *[The disciples] had met Jesus while John was baptizing people.By that baptism people had declared their repentance and readiness to follow the soon-to-come Messiah. It marked a loyalty change. The baptized person was... pledging themselves to live under the governance of the Messiah when He arrived. ...Now Jesus was again sending them to baptize.... A new community would be formed by this baptism.... Those they baptized were to be introduced to God personally as He had fully revealed Himself. They were no longer waiting for a mystery Messiah. Every baptized disciple could relationally encounter the Father who had given His Son, and who would bestow on them the Holy Spirit of God. ...The baptized people would wear His name publicly in every people group."*

B. Teaching them to obey **all that I have commanded you.**

i. To make disciples is not finished until it leads to a life of obeying Jesus' teaching.

ii. *To be a disciple means to follow after righteousness in the person of Jesus and described in the teaching of Jesus. To disciple involves teaching others to do this.*

➤ Philippians 1:11

➤ 1 Corinthians 11:1