

Who Am I?

Unlocking and Understanding the Mystery of Christ

Week Six

Day Three

COMMISSIONED TO DO WHAT?

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20a)



Unlocking the Mystery

Jesus, at this time had appeared to the disciples several times, as well as, many other people. It has been 40 days since His resurrection and now it is time for Him to go home. His work here on earth has come to an end, so He gives His final instructions to His followers. His instructions are to tell everyone about Him; and teach them to follow Him, so they can go to where He is going. One thing I love about Jesus’ teaching is that He tells us what to do and then equips us to do it. Throughout this lesson, we will come to understand the great privilege we have in this commission. We will come to understand the mystery of the importance of this commissioned work we have before us and how it relates to Jesus’ return.



Understanding the Word

When looking at the definition of the term Commission, I noticed that it is something entrusted to be accomplished; it is receiving a delegated authority; and it is a charge for a duty or a task. In the opening passage, we see we are to make disciples...of all nations...baptize them...teach them to obey, so the first thing I want to address is the charge for a duty or task.

DIGGING DEEPER: Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:47-49

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Matthew 28:16-20

V. 18 Jesus says all _____ has been given to Him. Therefore, He can distribute that authority onto us.

V. 19-20 Go and make _____ of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and _____ them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Then He promises: surely I am with you _____, to the very end of the age.

We that have been to church any length of time have been taught that we are to share our faith about Jesus. We talk about planting the seed, watering, and/or harvesting in relation to how others receive the message of Jesus Christ. This is all true, but as I study the above scripture, it says to make disciples and teach. Our task at hand is not to just make converts but to make disciples, people who will observe Christ's commands. We aren't looking for a large number of people praying a certain prayer or enlarging church membership with warm bodies. We are charged with the duty or task of teaching people about the commands of Christ and how to separate ourselves from the world to follow Him.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Mark 16:15-20

V. 15 He said to them, Go into _____ the _____ and do what with the Good News? _____

V. 16 Whoever _____ and is baptized will be _____ whoever does not _____ will be _____

In Romans, we are taught that one cannot come to Christ if they have not heard, and how can they hear if no one preaches?

DIGGING DEEPER: Romans 10:14-15

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Romans 10:14-15

V. 14-15 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not _____? And how can they _____ without someone _____ to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

We must preach the Good News and leave the decision to the individual hearing the news. We are to be obedient and present the Gospel; God does the changing of hearts. Putting these two scriptures together, we need to be prepared that some will say yes to Jesus, so it is then we are to proceed with the teaching of the commands of Christ as to make true disciples.

Mark 16:17 says that these signs will _____ those who believe...

It is very easy to get caught up in the details of V. 17-18, but the bottom line is the same as the Matthew scripture, I will be with you! It will be Jesus protecting us and distributing gifts as needed. Jesus charged us with a task or duty to do; He will equip us to do it. If you have truly been saved through faith in Jesus Christ, you are going to count this a privilege to share what He has accomplished in you.

DIGGING DEEPER: Matthew 8:1-4

There are many times early in Jesus' ministry that upon touching and healing a person that same person would rejoice and want to run out to tell everyone what happened. At that time, Jesus would say, "Don't tell anyone who did this." Like they could keep it a secret. Unfortunately, there are too many people that have this role reversed. They get touched and healed by Jesus and neglect to tell anyone. Jesus says tell everyone. Tell all people everywhere! It should be our privilege to take part in this great Commission Jesus gave.

DIGGING DEEPER: Matthew 24:1-14

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Matthew 24:4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14

This commission is so important to the second coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let's take a few minutes to learn about the last days and the nations.

V. 4 Watch out for what? _____

V. 5 Many will claim to be the _____

V. 7 _____ will rise against _____, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

V. 9...you will be hated by _____ nations because of who? _____

V.10 Many will do what with their faith? _____

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V. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will _____

V. 14 And this Gospel of the kingdom will be _____ in the _____ world as a testimony to all _____, and then the _____ will come.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:47-49

Mark 16:15 He records Jesus telling us to go where? _____ To do what? _____

Luke 24:47 Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be _____ in His name to all _____, beginning at Jerusalem.

We have a great responsibility to usher in the second coming of Jesus Christ... All nations have to hear before He can come back. We will never really know when that is accomplished, so our task and duty until He comes is to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, making disciples of all that will come.

We have a huge responsibility and privilege to tell others about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. With this responsibility and privilege comes the issue of obedience. Remember, before you learned that we show our love for Jesus through our obedience. Jesus gives us a direct command and commission. Our response needs to be obedience. If you are like so many others that I have ministered to and talked to about this subject, you are probably thinking about inadequacies in your abilities to share. Maybe you don't feel equipped, or smart enough, or you don't feel like your testimony or story could ever make a difference. You are limiting God. With those feelings, you are placing God in a box and saying He doesn't know what He is talking about. Have you ever thought of it that way before? Our job is to share what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. It is His job to send the people that will or could be touched through your testimony. It is His job to change the heart of the hearer, and it is His job to save that which is lost.



You are commissioned! You are commanded! Are you a true disciple of Jesus Christ? You must first be one to teach others to be one. Spend some time with Jesus right now. Remember, a true disciple is not a follower on occasion or just at convenient times; a true disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ through all occasions and at all times. Here is what changed me. Not just knowing about Jesus and accept what He did for me, but to actually give my whole heart and life over to Him to be used in any way He so desires. It is a complete heart and life transformation.

To follow Jesus with complete obedience and to preach His Gospel and teach His commands until all nations know about Him until He returns; there is no greater honor, no greater privilege, and no greater commission ever given.