

### COMPLETING "THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST" The final story in Matthew's account After the resurrection the disciples go to Galilee to meet Jesus (as the 2 Mary's directed)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

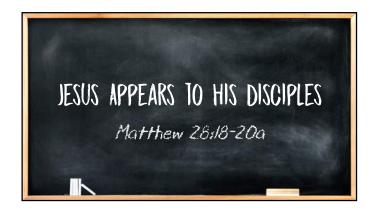
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# 'TO THE MOUNTAIN' The eleven go to meet Jesus The Sermon on the Mount Hillside outside of Capernaum

When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

Matthew 28:17

### WORSHIP AND DOUBT The women knew 'fear \* joy' The disciples 'worship \* doubt' The microcosm of the church — worship \* doubt



And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you.

### JESUS COMES TO THEM

- > From a distance coming closer - similar to Jesus meeting the 2 Marys (v9)
- Even as Jesus comes to meet each one of us

### AN AMAZING STATEMENT

- > 'All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me'
- The resurrection of Jesus completely vindicates his person \* work
- A contrast with the cross before silent, now victorious

# JESUS' COMMAND TO HIS DISCIPLES Matthew 28:18-20a

### GO (V19) > Like Abraham (Genesis 12:1) > Like Moses (Exodos 3:10) > Like Isaiah (Isaiah 6:9) > To the disciples & to us

### WHERE?

- To all the nations; not local but universal
- ) A fulfillment to the promise to Abraham (Genesis 22:18)

### MAKE DISCIPLES (V19)

- > A command from Christ
- To the hard, patient, challenging work of equipping others
- Slow work of walking beside others
- God is a 'slow God'

### BAPTIZE THEM (V19)

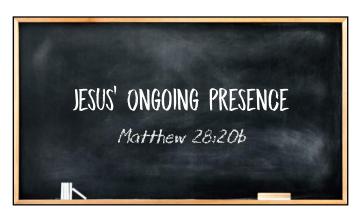
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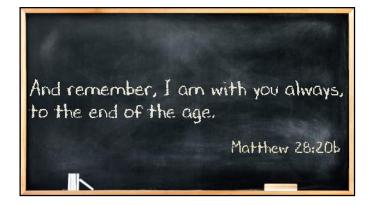
 a familial invitation to join the
 family of God

> Fluid, intimate, relational image (a family)

### TEACH THEM (V2O)

- > Not going as an occupation force
- Go in humility presenting the Love, mercy, kindness and peacemaking qualities of Jesus







### THE KEY: JESUS' PRESENCE

- > I am with you everyday
- > Emmanuel God with us (Matthew 1:23)
- Jesus' ongoing presence gives them (us) the resolve to keep going ahead

### THE SENDER - THE SENT ONES

- We become his instruments for peace
- We are empowered by Jesus for our task
- A daily walking for the glory of God

### OUR CALLING > We are not promised success but we are called to fulfill our

, A little ship in the sea of the world

vocation



