

The School of Christ

Lesson 13

TUTORSHIP IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST

Matthew 28:16-20

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.

Matthew 28:16

'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

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES

Matthew 28:18-20a

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 (Exodus 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)

- › Trinitarian formulae - in the name of the Father/Parent, Son and Holy Spirit

- › Not a philosophical statement - a familial invitation to join the family of God
- › Fluid, intimate, relational image (a family)

TEACH THEM (V20)

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

JESUS' ONGOING PRESENCE

Matthew 28:20b

And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:20b

OVERWHELMING OR MOTIVATING?

- › It seems to become a dynamic vision which energizes the disciples for engagement

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 vocation
- › A little ship in the sea of the world



