



The Great Commission
Given during the 40-days from the resurrection to the ascension.

**Two Disciples on the Road to Emmaus
 (Near Jerusalem)**

Luke 24:45-48 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it stands written that the Messiah would suffer and would rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**Eleven Disciples
 Hiding in Fear (Jerusalem)**

John 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. Just as the Father has sent me, I also send you."

Mark 16:15-16 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned.

5-7 Day journey from Jerusalem to Galilee
Gone fishing John 21

**The Eleven Plus 500
 (Galilee)**

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

5-7 Day journey from Galilee to Jerusalem

**The Ascension
 (Jerusalem-Mount of Olives)**

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth."

A Faith Worth Sharing A World Worth Winning

I. The Great Commission in 40 Days

A. Preparation for the Commission *Luke 4:16-28*

B. Jesus Shares the Commission

From the road to Emmaus to Jerusalem to Galilee to the Mount of Olives

II. The Greatness of Going -- Matthew 28:16-20

A. Availability: Are you available? :16 *Why Galilee?*

B. Overcoming Doubt :17

The ultimate cure for doubt is worship! Col 3:1-4

C. Going in the Power :18

1. If no authority *there could be no commission*

2. Heaven and earth:

Jesus had both the authority/power to make the COMMAND of the Great Commission and also to ENABLE us to perform the work of the commission.

D. Now Go :19

1. Fulfilling prophecy *Isaiah 59:19-21*

2. Disciples of all nations...

Not like Jonah and some of the OT prophets who were sent to condemn the nations—we are to go and bring the good news, make disciples—heal the nations and heal the people. Luke 4:18-19

3. The work of baptizing...

E. The great Omission in the Great Commission :20

Are you teachable? Not the idea of being an "A" student—but the idea of being willing to be taught?

F. The enabling power of God

God will give us of His enabling power for the Great Commission until the end of the age—What God starts—He finishes.

A Faith Worth Sharing
The Great Commission—Why is it So Great?

I. The Great Commission in 40 Days

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Luke 4:16-22

:16-22 Nazareth Synagogue—The Spirit of the Lord...
:21 today fulfilled...
:22 marveled

:28—they were filled with wrath—what happened?

In :23-27 Jesus reveals that what he was talking about earlier—was going to be offered to everyone including the Gentiles—Zarepath, a Gentile city....

Luk 4:26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

B. Jesus Shares the Commission

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John 21 Gone back to fishing....

II. The Greatness of Going -- Matthew 28:16-20

A. Availability: Are you available? :16

They were at the right place at the right time—went to Galilee in response to Jesus command 28:10

Why Galilee? Galilee of the Gentiles—possibly to the mountain where the transfiguration took place! Seems fitting since this was the announcement of the Gospel to the everyone.

B. Overcoming Doubt :17

To understand the doubt—understand the setting. All that had happened to the disciples and the followers of Christ....**remember**—the great commission has already been revealed and now the disciples are facing *the IMPOSSIBILITY of having to do it!!!!*

The ultimate cure for doubt it worship!

Col 3:1-4 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For

you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

C. The Commissioning Power :18

1. If no authority—there could be no commission:

No other religion or religious leader—has ever said this!

2. Heaven and earth—means the power as mediator between the two. Salvation is now His to give—He has the authority to give it based on His death on the cross.

Jesus had both the authority to make the COMMAND of the Great Commission and also to ENABLE us to perform the work of the commission.

D. Now Go :19

1. Fulfilling prophecy Isaiah 59:19-21

Isa 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Isa 59:20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

Isa 59:21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and forever.

Jesus is the redeemer—the Word and the Word of God is the standard that is raised up—this is what we carry—the standard, the Word of the Living God.

2. Disciples of all nations...

Not like Jonah and some of the OT prophets who were sent to condemn the nations—we are to go and bring the good news, make disciples—heal the nations and heal the people:

Luk 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Even now—Jews do not believe that when Messiah comes it will be for the entire world—only for the Jews.

3. The work of baptizing...

E. The great omission in the Great Commission :20

The lack of good Bible teaching—for people to become disciples they must be taught—they also must be teachable.

Are you teachable—not the idea of being an A student—but the idea of being willing to be taught?

F. The enabling power of the God

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How are we at finishing what He has started in us?