

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)



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The Resurrection of Jesus (Matthew 28:1-7)

- Think about the significance of Jesus' statement, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me," in the context of the Great Commission. How does His authority empower and inform our mission as believers?
- What practical steps can we take to fulfill the Great Commission in our daily lives and ministries? How can we overcome obstacles or fears that may hinder us from sharing the gospel and making disciples?
- Reflect on the three components of the Great Commission—evangelism, baptism, and discipleship. How do these elements work together to fulfill Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations? What role do you play in each aspect of this commission?
- What significance do you think the earthquake and the appearance of the angel hold in the narrative of Jesus' resurrection?
- How does the angel's message to the women affirm the trustworthiness of Jesus' words regarding His resurrection?
- Considering Jesus' repeated predictions of His resurrection, why do you think it was essential for Him to foretell this event to His disciples?



The Response of the Women (Matthew 28:8-10)

- How do you envision the encounter between Jesus and the women at the empty tomb? What emotions and thoughts might have filled their hearts as they worshiped Him?
- Jesus instructed the women to go and tell His disciples to meet Him in Galilee. Why do you think Jesus chose Galilee as the designated meeting place for His post-resurrection appearance?
- In what ways can we emulate the women's response to encountering Jesus in our own lives? How does their example challenge us to respond to the reality of Christ's resurrection?

The Reaction of the Guards (Matthew 28:11-15)

- Think about the chief priests' response to the news of Jesus' resurrection and their subsequent actions to suppress the truth. What does this reveal about their motives and priorities?
- How do you think the guards felt about participating in the cover-up of Jesus' resurrection? What internal conflicts or moral dilemmas might they have faced?
- Reflecting on the guards' testimony and the chief priests' bribery, what lessons can we learn about the consequences of denying or suppressing the truth of Jesus' resurrection?