

Discipleship

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The background...Mt.28:16-19

Who is likely in the group gathered on this mountain? **28:16; ICor.15:3-6 Why? 28:17**

What does Jesus declare about Himself? **28:18 see Jn.1:1-3,14, 17:1-5**

How/why had the former glory been relinquished? **Phil.2:5-10; Heb.4:14-16; Lu.22:42**

Comment on the *timing* of this statement (**28:18**). Note **Lu.22:42**

Is 'Go therefore...' a command? **28:19a; Acts 1:8**

Comment on why this Great Commission is only found in **Mt.28. see Gen.1:28**

How is this reinforced in **Acts 1:6-8?; Acts 28:28; Lu.24:47-48**

The commands...Mt.28:19-20

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What is the 2nd command? **28:19c; Acts 2:38-39; Mt.3:13-17**

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Obviously the 11 disciples but likely with 'more than 500...'. Some doubted (not 11!).

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All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. His former glory restored!

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Jesus voluntarily relinquished His independence in order to die for us. Identify with us!

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He has 'un-relinquished' authority in heaven and earth. His commands are absolute!

Is 'Go therefore...' a command? **28:19a; Acts 1:8**

Not exactly. The literal translation would be 'as you're going...'. That is normal living.

Comment on why this Great Commission is only found in **Mt.28**. see **Gen.1:28**

It doesn't need repeated. Like Gen.1:28 it's just natural! True believers will fulfill 28:19

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Believers now receive power by the Holy Spirit and we will be witnesses everywhere!

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Make disciples of all nations. That is, not limited to Jews, but anyone while we're going!

What is the 2nd command? **28:19c; Acts 2:38-39; Mt.3:13-17**

Baptize these disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. These things are in the NT!

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