

Still Commissioned
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[Mat 28:16-20 NASB95] 16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped [Him;] but some were doubtful. 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- **St. Patrick's Day is about sharing the Good News of Jesus to a nation.**
- **God has called us to reach this region with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of God.**

What do I need know about accepting Jesus' commission?

Here are seven things to know about accepting Jesus' commission.

I. The real ones accept Jesus' commission.

- a. V. 16 – . . . the eleven disciples . . .
- b. Judas is no longer with them. The "real ones" were left.
- c. Jesus is going to use them to change the word.
- d. [Isa 6:6, 8 NASB95] 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ... 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"
- e. Surrender your life to Him. Your life now is His.

II. The obedient ones accept Jesus' commission.

- a. V. 16 – . . . to the mountain which Jesus had designated.
- b. [Act 16:6-7 NASB95] 6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them;
- c. Make a decision to obey the commission to affect this world with the Gospel.

III. Those who see Him accept Jesus' commission.

- a. V. 17 – When they saw Him . . .
- b. [Isa 6:1, 8 NASB95] 1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ... 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"
- c. Experiencing Him can ignite something in you to share more about Him.

IV. The imperfect worshipers accept Jesus' commission.

- a. V. 17 – . . . they worshipped [Him;] but some were doubtful.
- b. God is looking for willing vessels to preach His Good News.
- c. [2Co 4:7 NASB95] 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;
- d. No more excuses. No one has it all together. Preach anyway.

V. Jesus has the authority to send those who accept Jesus's commission.

- a. V. 18 - All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- b. He has the right to supersede all other authority. Every nation. Every people. There are no limits to the authority we have to spread the Gospel.
- c. Consequences, sure. We have the right to preach.

VI. Nations get disciplined by those who accept Jesus's commission.

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- a. V. 19 - 20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;
- b. Only 1 command: Make disciples.
 - i. How?
 1. Having gone – my translation
 2. Baptizing
 3. Teaching... observe all that I have commanded you.
- c. It is not just about getting a decision. Make disciples of them. Bring them to church.

VII. Jesus is with those who accept Jesus' commission.

- a. V. 20 - and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- b. [Mar 16:20 NASB95] 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.] [[And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]]
- c. Jesus is with you.

- **Jesus wants us to accept His commission to spread the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus.**
- **Easy Method:**
 - **How can I pray for you?**
 - **If you were to die today, do you know you would go to heaven?**
 - **Pray this with me: Father God, I thank You that You love me. I receive the love of God. You sent Your Son Jesus to live on the earth, to die on the cross, and I believe that three days later He raised from dead. I make Jesus Christ my lord and savior. Forgive me of my sins. Take out of me anything that needs to go. Put inside of me everything I need to become the person You have called me to become. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**
 - **Invite them to church with you.**