

WHAT IS THE GREAT COMMISSION? PART 1
AN OVERVIEW AND IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS
Matthew 28:16-20 part 1

- I. **THE CONTEXT (16-18) AND AN OVERVIEW (19-20) of what is called by many “THE GREAT COMMISSION” (16-20)**
- A. **THE DISCIPLES OBEDIENCE:** After His resurrection, Jesus’ disciples precede to the mountain He designated in Galilee to meet Him (16)
- B. **A RECOGNITION OF DEITY:** Jesus meets His disciples and they respond in Worship but some others doubt, indicating there are more there than just the eleven, including women disciples (17, cf. 28:7 also)
- C. **A COMMAND TO MAKE DISCIPLES BASED UPON HIS ALL ENCOMPASSING AUTHORITY (18-20a)**
1. Jesus declares His authority over all (19)
 2. Based on the fact Jesus is God and thus has authority over all, He gives His disciples the command...‘having gone, “**make disciples of all the nations,**” by **baptizing and teaching** all He commanded’ (19-20a)
- D. **AN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THOSE WHO OBEY:** In light of His command, Jesus encourages His disciples that He is with them, even to the end of the age (20b)
- II. **IMPORTANT QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ASKED OF THE TEXT and other Scriptures**
- A. Who are Jesus’ commands to?
 - B. To whom do they apply...the eleven, the women and others there too, the individual and/or the church?
 - C. How does it apply to us?