



# **Responding to the Call: The Great Commission**

Goode Sunday School Class  
July 19, 2009

# Resurrection Means

- "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life [now!] to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you" (Rom. 8:1 1).

Richards, Larry ; Richards, Lawrence O.: *The Teacher's Commentary*. Wheaton, Ill. : Victor Books, 1987, S. 596



- So . . .

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- "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13–14).

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- What gives this serious looking cop authority?
- What are the limits of this police officer's authority?
- What are the limits of Jesus' authority in Matt 28:18?



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# The Holy Spirit Persuades but there will come a day Jesus will impose his Authority

- For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD." (Rom 14:11) <http://bible.cc/romans/14-11.htm>



Jesus as Persuader



Jesus as King

# Doubt

- And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted (Matt 28:17) *The Holy Bible : King James Version.* electronic ed. of the 1769 edition of the 1611 Authorized Version. Bellingham WA : Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1995, S. Mt 28:17
- Why is it so important for us to believe the resurrection of Jesus?

# Doubt immobilizes our Faith

- Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; <sup>2</sup> By which also ye are saved, if ye keep <sup>2</sup> in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; <sup>4</sup> And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: <sup>5</sup> And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: <sup>6</sup> After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:1-6)

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# If Christ isn't resurrected we have no hope!

- <sup>17</sup> And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. <sup>19</sup> If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. (1 Cor 15:17-19) *The Holy Bible : King James Version.* electronic ed. of the 1769 edition of the 1611 Authorized Version. Bellingham WA : Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1995, S. 1 Co 15:17-19

# Are we Commanded to Go?

- Go ye therefore, and teach to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you *always*, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.
- to teach...: or, make disciples, or, Christians of all nations
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# Where do we go?

Work Place

Friends

Available Opportunities

