



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage: Matthew 28:5-20
Title: Your Life Mission (Part 1)
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Discussion Starter – Why do you think the Great Commission is often properly quoted but not fully understood?

The Resurrection of Jesus, (Matthew 28:5-10)

- What is the significance of the women being the first witnesses of the empty tomb and the risen Jesus? Have you ever had an experience of being an “unlikely choice”, but God still used you anyway?
- What biblical truth are we reminded of as we observe the character and heart of the women that came to see the tomb of Jesus and were the first to witness him resurrected? Read Isaiah 55:6-7 and Hebrew 11:6. What additional insights are gained from these verses?
- What instructions did Jesus give to the women in verse 10 and how do they compare or contrast to the instructions given to them by the angel in verse 7?
- Why do you think Jesus gave instructions that he would meet them in Galilee? How was Galilee referred to and why is this important? How would they know where specifically to meet Him?

The Report of the Guard (Matthew 28:11-15)

- What lie did the religious leader come up with to explain Jesus’ empty tomb? Why did the roman guards go along with this plan?
- Recap again some of the insurmountable evidence examples you can think of for proving the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

- In verse 28:17 it says that “some doubted”. Why is this significant? What did their doubt exclude them from experiencing? What are some things you have doubted as a Christian?
- Describe in your own words the message that Jesus is conveying to His disciples by the His claim of authority in verse 28:18. How does this apply to us as Christians today?
- What is the danger of not emphasizing the primary command of the great commission to “make disciples”? What are some of the common ways we see the great commission being misinterpreted?
- In your own words, define what it means to be a disciple.
- What is one of the most important requirements we need to be able to “make disciples”?
- What were the four reasons mentioned in the sermon for why we should make disciples? Which of the four reasons have you reflected on the most this week?
- How has God used you to “make disciples” in your life? Are there specific areas that God revealed to you where you can be a better instrument in fulfilling His Great Commission? What are some of the reasons we do not make this the most important command in our lives?