

# Go-Make-Baptize-Teach

The Most Holy Trinity ~ Matthew 28: 16-20

The gospel this week is short and to the point. Jesus instructs his disciples (and us) on the basic mission statement for Christians. The gospel is all about action. Jesus' instruction to **Go-Make-Baptize-Teach** gives us the context that we are to be busy about his mission. As we celebrate The Most Holy Trinity this week, we are called to make Jesus' proclamation come true in our own time and place.

Today the eleven disciples are gathered together as community in Galilee in response to Jesus. The mountain setting is a recurring theme in scripture which indicates the presence of God. Jesus gives testimony to the fact that he is Lord and Savior, **"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me."** This is a defining moment for the disciples. It is a significant teaching for us. Jesus is God, and thereby, has command of the entire universe.

Jesus' command to **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"** is an eternal Triune truth. We don't do this work on our own or in our own name. We do this in the name of Christ, grounded in our baptismal promises. We do this when we share faith with another. We do this when we teach our children and grandchildren the traditional Catholic prayers. We do this when we bring our children or others into the Church through the celebration of the sacraments. We do this when we celebrate (worship) God together at Mass, witnessing our faith to those gathered with us. We do what Jesus has commanded when we care for others.

We are able to do all of this because Jesus says to all of us this week, **"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."**

Blessings!

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