

Appearance to 500 Disciples & Great Commission **Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18; I Cor. 15:6**

Appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection:

1. Mary at the tomb – John 20:11-18
2. Woman leaving the tomb – Matt. 28:9-10
3. Two followers on the road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-32
4. Peter – Luke 24:34
5. 10 of the 11 disciples – no Thomas – John 20:19-25
6. 11 disciples – Thomas (8 days later) John 20:26-31
7. 7 disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee – John 21:1-25
8. 500+ disciples and followers in Galilee – I Cor. 15:6

Matthew 28:18-20 has long been called the _____. Often it is taught together with the ascension but in reality, Jesus gave this command to His disciples on a hillside in _____. Many scholars will harmonize the last events of Jesus by placing the appearance to 500 followers at this time. Jesus will reveal the spreading of the _____ will be empowered and overseen by Himself, but the work must be done by His followers!

I. A Great Appointment

“Then the eleven disciples went away into _____, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. (“After that, he was seen of above five hundred _____ at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep” I Cor. 15:6) And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some _____.” Matthew 28:16-17

“Jesus had appointed them” –

“five hundred brethren at once” –

“they worshipped him: but some doubted.” –

II. A Great Commission

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power (Gk - _____) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach (Gk - _____) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Mark 16:16): Teaching (Gk - _____) them to observe all things whatsoever I have _____ you: (And these signs (_____)

shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” Mark 16:17-18) and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (Gk - _____). Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” –

“Go ye therefore,” –

“teach all nations,” –

“baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” –

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;” –

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:” –

“Jesus’ words further demonstrate that Christian ethics and morality should first of all focus on Jesus’ teaching, even though the Old Testament still remains relevant, as one sees how it is fulfilled in Christ (Matt. 5:17-20), and even though the rest of the New Testament remains relevant as further explanation of the significance of Christ and his teachings. But the testimony of the Gospels and the commands Jesus issued (of

which more are found in Matthew than in Mark, Luke, or John) must comprise the central core of Christian faith and proclamation.” Dr. Craig Blomberg The New American Commentary – Matthew pg. 433

“And these signs shall follow them” –

“and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” –

“Amen” –

Believer’s Application:

The Great Commission is sandwiched between two wonderful statements:

I'm in CONTROL with all AUTHORITY!

Make Disciples

I'm with you ALWAYS!