

See Christ's Redemptive Work for Now
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IV. Let's look at the original statement in this series: Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth! He said for us to go and tell people to live according to what I have said!

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

A. Understanding this statement will unlock the way to Kingdom Living! In other words, if we truly understand and choose to live accordingly, we can expect the life and society God designed us to live!

1. First and foremost, the basis and justification for this life is the AUTHORITY OF JESUS!
2. He has authority in heaven and on earth NOW!
3. That our thoughts, actions, standards and everything about our lives is governed by His life and standards!
4. Remember the statement that its not WWJD but rather "What did Jesus do?"

B. The next statement in this scripture, after we settle that

Jesus has all authority, is...GO!

1. Go baptize: Go and bury people to their own lifestyles and their own ways of thinking and raise them in a new way of living. One where Jesus is in charge of everything!
2. Go make disciples: Go and lead people in studying the life of Christ and show them how to live the way He did!
3. Go and teach: Go and proclaim to people everything Jesus says are ways to live life according to God's design! How to treat people, how to interact with others, how to live in a hostile environment and how to live a redeemed life with governing authorities!

C. Another very important word is ALL!

1. ALL authority...
2. Go to ALL nations...
3. Teach people ALL that He taught the disciples...
4. Then, Jesus said He would be with us for ALL time!

V. Let's walk into the teachings of The Sermon on the Mount itself!

- A. This "sermon" is much more than just a good message on a hillside to encourage people! It is literally the inauguration of a new way to live. The Kingdom Way!

Acts 9:1-2 (NLT)

1 Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. 2 He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

1. Records show that the early Christians were serving their communities, widows and orphans! They served others thoroughly and saw this as part of their faith not part of secular assistance or political action!
 2. So why such aggression to persecute and kill them?
 3. Because they refused to be ruled by anyone but Jesus and His way of living! So, it is today. Society doesn't care that you practice your faith as long as your faith doesn't affect them!
- B. As you "listen through or read through" The Sermon on the Mount, you see what I believe are Five (5) main themes:
1. The **righteousness of The Kingdom**. Ethics, behavior, and demands and expectations of life.
 2. Then we see the **Mission of The Kingdom**. Jesus wants His followers to imitate His ministry and extend The Kingdom.
 3. Next is the **Mysteries of The Kingdom**. These are the parables that The Lord uses to teach Kingdom principles.
 4. The Lord speaks about the **Community of The**

Kingdom. Humility, accountability, reconciliation, discipline and forgiveness. These make us like Jesus!

5. Then comes the **Consummation of The Kingdom.** Learning to live your life in light of the future completion of God's presence! Now...but not yet!

C. Jesus seems to be teaching us that everything about discipleship is manifesting Him to our world around us!

D. We will look more in depth, but Jesus is teaching things such as:

1. "Come, pay attention to my way of doing life, and I will help you help others by showing them My way of doing life!"
2. "If you commit to loving God with all that's in you, it will mean that you will concern yourself with others as much as you concern yourself with you!"
3. "You are blessed when you choose to like a life of peace and influence others in this peaceful way of life!"