



## Lesson 2 – The Great Commission

Based on Luke 24:36-51; Acts 1:4-12

- 1) What did the Priests and rulers goad Christ with on the Cross?

**Matthew 27:42-43** He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will \_\_\_\_\_ him. He trusted in God; let him \_\_\_\_\_ him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

After the death of Christ, the disciples were well-nigh overcome by discouragement. Their Master had been rejected, condemned, and crucified.

- 2) What did they keep saying to themselves?

**Luke 24:21** But we \_\_\_\_\_ that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

- 3) What question did Jesus ask the women that were weeping for him?

**Luke 23:31** For if they do these things in a \_\_\_\_\_ tree, what shall be done in the dry?

Jesus had several times attempted to open the future to His disciples, but they had not cared to think about what He said. Because of this His death had come to them as a surprise; and afterward, as they reviewed the past and saw the result of their unbelief, they were filled with sorrow. When Christ was crucified, they did not believe that He would rise. He had stated plainly that He was to rise on the third day, but they were perplexed to know what He meant. This lack of comprehension left them at the time of His death in utter hopelessness.

- 4) How did most of the Disciples see Jesus after His resurrection?

**Luke 24:36-37** And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were \_\_\_\_\_ and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a \_\_\_\_\_.

- 5) How did He calm them down?

**Luke 24:38-40** And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? \_\_\_\_\_ my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a \_\_\_\_\_ hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

- 6) What did Jesus do for them?

**Luke 24:45-48** Then opened he their \_\_\_\_\_, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are \_\_\_\_\_ of these things.

For forty days Christ remained on the earth, preparing the disciples for the work before them and explaining that which heretofore they had been unable to comprehend. He spoke of the prophecies concerning His advent, His rejection by the Jews, and His death, showing that every specification of these prophecies had been fulfilled. He told them that they were to regard this fulfillment of prophecy as an assurance of the power that would attend them in their future labors.



7) What are Christ's disciples able to say?

**2 Timothy 1:12** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not \_\_\_\_\_: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have \_\_\_\_\_ unto him against that day.

They began to realize the nature and extent of their work, to see that they were to proclaim to the world the truths entrusted to them. The events of Christ's life, His death and resurrection, the prophecies pointing to these events, the mysteries of the plan of salvation, the power of Jesus for the remission of sins, to all these things they had been witnesses, and they were to make them known to the world.

8) What was Christ's commission to the Disciples and us?

**Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All \_\_\_\_\_ is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: \_\_\_\_\_ them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the \_\_\_\_\_. Amen.

Before ascending to heaven, Christ gave His disciples their commission. He told them that they were to be the executors of the will in which He bequeathed to the world the treasures of eternal life. You have been witnesses of My life of sacrifice in behalf of the world, He said to them. You have seen My labors for Israel. And although My people would not come to Me that they might have life, although priests and rulers have done unto Me as they listed, although they have rejected Me, they shall have still another opportunity of accepting the Son of God.

9) What promise is still good?

**John 6:37** All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in \_\_\_\_\_ cast out.

10) Who or what is our real enemy?

**Ephesians 6:12** For we wrestle not against \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but against principalities, against \_\_\_\_\_, against the rulers of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Christ did not tell His disciples that their work would be easy. He showed them the vast confederacy of evil arrayed against them. He assured them that He would be with them; and that if they would go forth in faith, they should move under the shield of Omnipotence. He bade them be brave and strong; for One mightier than angels would be in their ranks—the General of the armies of heaven. He made full provision for the prosecution of their work and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success.

11) What advice did Paul give us?

**Ephesians 6:13** Wherefore take unto you the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

12) What promises should we never forget?

**Deuteronomy 31:6** Be strong and of a good \_\_\_\_\_, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not \_\_\_\_\_ thee, nor forsake thee.



**Hebrews 13:5-6** Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will \_\_\_\_\_ leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Labor in faith and confidence; for the time will never come when God will forsake you. He will be with you always, helping you to perform your duty, guiding, comforting, sanctifying, sustaining you, giving you success in speaking words that shall draw the attention of others to heaven.

**13) What were Christ's Words just before going back to Heaven?**

**Acts 1:4-5** And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from \_\_\_\_\_, but wait for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the \_\_\_\_\_ not many days hence.

**14) How did the Disciples reply?**

**Acts 1:6** When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to \_\_\_\_\_?

**15) What was His reply?**

**Acts 1:7-8** And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the \_\_\_\_\_, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the \_\_\_\_\_ is come upon you: and ye shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

It was not necessary for them to see further into the future than the revelations He had enabled them to see. Their work was to proclaim the gospel message.

**16) What was important for the Disciples to do?**

**Luke 24:49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but \_\_\_\_\_ ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

The Saviour knew that no argument, however logical, would melt hard hearts or break through the crust of worldliness and selfishness. He knew that His disciples must receive the heavenly endowment; that the gospel would be effective only as it was proclaimed by hearts made warm and lips made eloquent by a living knowledge of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life. The work committed to the disciples would require great efficiency; for the tide of evil ran deep and strong against them. A vigilant, determined leader was in command of the forces of darkness, and the followers of Christ could battle for the right only through the help that God, by His Spirit, would give them.

**17) What amazing testimony did Luke give us in the Book of Acts?**

**Acts 6:7** And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the \_\_\_\_\_ were obedient to the faith.



There were in Jerusalem many who had secretly believed on Jesus, and many who had been deceived by the priests and rulers. To these also the gospel was to be presented. They were to be called to repentance. The wonderful truth that through Christ alone could remission of sins be obtained was to be made plain. While all Jerusalem was stirred by the thrilling events of the past few weeks, the preaching of the gospel would make the deepest impression.

**18) What did Jesus do next?**

**Luke 24:51** And it came to pass, while he \_\_\_\_\_ them, he was parted from them, and \_\_\_\_\_ up into heaven.

**19) What did the angels sing as they went heavenward with Him?**

**Psalms 68:32-34** Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the \_\_\_\_\_; Selah: To him that \_\_\_\_\_ upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice. Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**20) Who interrupted the Disciples as they look upward?**

**Acts 1:10-11** And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in \_\_\_\_\_ apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in \_\_\_\_\_ as ye have seen him go into heaven.

**21) How will Jesus appear when He returns?**

**Mark 9:3** And his raiment became shining, \_\_\_\_\_ white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

As in the typical service the high priest laid aside his pontifical robes and officiated in the white linen dress of an ordinary priest; so, Christ laid aside His royal robes and garbed Himself with humanity and offered sacrifice, Himself the priest, Himself the victim. As the high priest, after performing his service in the holy of holies, came forth to the waiting congregation in his pontifical robes; so, Christ will come the second time, clothed in garments of whitest white. He will come in His own glory, and in the glory of His Father, and all the angelic host will escort Him on His way.

**22) What promise burned within the Disciples hearts?**

**John 14:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Those who have loved Him and waited for Him, He will crown with glory and honor and immortality. The righteous dead will come forth from their graves, and those who are alive will be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air. They will hear the voice of Jesus, sweeter than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, saying to them, Your warfare is accomplished.

**23) What are we and the Disciples waiting to hear?**

**Matthew 25:34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye \_\_\_\_\_ of my Father, \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Can you see God made some BIG promises?

Do you want to see them fulfilled?

When is the time let Him lead?