

Resurrection Sunday Service ~ April 20, 2025

Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church

Welcome & Prayer

"I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:50-56)

Prayer. Our Heavenly Father, as we come before you today, knowing even if everything else is changing around us, you are still our rock and fortress, and are unchanging. You are always there for us, dependable and true to your promises, for you provide us with all that we need. And Lord, as we come together on this day, Resurrection Sunday, we are reminded of your greatest provision. That as you promised, you sent us your one and only son, to die for us and to pay the price for our sins. That Jesus, although he did not sin, and was without blemish, was punished and died a cruel death on a cross, so that we might be saved. And Lord, we thank you that through Jesus' death and resurrection, he demonstrated that death has been defeated, that he is our Saviour and the King of Kings, and that we have the hope of being with you for eternity. Lord, help us not to lose sight of what you have done for us. Help us to be reminded of your great love and mercy. And we ask that you will help us to love one another, and to live our lives in a way that pleases you and brings you glory. And Lord, we pray that opportunities may present themselves to let others know about you. We pray that we may be able to tell others of the true meaning of Easter, and that we may be able to encourage and support our brothers and sisters throughout this time. And we ask all these things in your Son's glorious and powerful name. Amen

Song – See what a morning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Rs529D0HQU>

- See, what a mornin', gloriously bright
With the dawnin' of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave clothes,
tomb filled with light
As the Angels announce, "Christ is risen"
See God's salvation plan
Wrought in love, borne in pain,
paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*
- See Mary weepin', "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow
she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speakin', callin' her name
"It's the Master, the Lord,
raised to life again"
The voice that spans the years
Speakin' life, stirrin' hope,
bringin' peace to us
Will sound 'til He appears
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*
- One with the Father, Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit
who clothes faith with certainty
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned
with power and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*

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Bible Reading – Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Announcements

Focus for Month: Easter. Easter may be a long weekend but it should also affect us for much longer than a weekend. The chance to think again about the death and resurrection of Jesus should challenge us to live each day for Jesus. So, before this long weekend ends, is there any areas in your life that need an extra dose of repentance and faith?

Charlestown Church has moved! For the next 4-5 months we will be meeting at Charlestown Public School, on the corner of Smith St and Fredrick Sts. Please have a look around for the extra jobs that need to be done (set up, car park attendant, clean toilets afterwards, sweep floors, first aid office etc) and see if you can help out with something.

School Holidays. NSW school holidays continue this weekend which means the regular activities of the church will go into recess until Monday 28th April. Next week Kids Church will run with a full kid's programme at the Cottage/Office starting 9:40am. The only exceptions will be THRIVE will join us at Charlestown School again for next Sunday.

New City Catechism: Question 17. What is idolatry? Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security. **Scripture:** *"They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator"* (Rom 1:25)

Outgrow Ministries. A few weeks ago, we hosted a seminar on the dangers of porn for both men and women, young and old. The next step is to run some small groups where those who would like some help in dealing with porn (or who want to know more about it to help someone else) can meet in a supportive environment. These groups will be mainly online and run across all the Presbyterian churches in Newcastle. If you are interested, please contact Lindon on 0479 167 333 or at linden@outgrowministries.org

Webbs Missionary Visit. Please note our link missionaries Chris and Karen Webb will be visiting us on Sunday 4th May and also joining the Young Adults Bible Study on Tuesday 6th May @ 7:15pm and the Swansea Bible Study on Wednesday 7th May @10:30am. All invited. Please make the most of this opportunity to think through indigenous ministries.

ANZAC Day. Have you noticed that over the last few years that Easter has become less important for the average Australian and ANZAC Day has become more important? Both involved sacrifices and death, both were a battle that would shape the future of the world but only one of them led to a victory over death and sin. As Christians we can celebrate both of these important events but let's not worship mateship but the Son of God who came to this world to help us to become friends again with God.

Pastoral Prayer

Pray for Iraq (Population 46 million, Christians, 187,000). The **pressure** on Iraqi Christians remains at an extreme level and **violence** against them continues to be very high. Widespread corruption and lack of real protection **undermine** their rights and stability. Without meaningful reforms and guarantees of Christian rights, many fear the **exodus** of Christians from Iraq will remain constant. Please pray for Christians returning to their homes after conflict as they rebuild and recover. Pray that God will bless the work of Christian organisations who provide trauma care to Iraqi Christians. Pray for converts from Islam to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit through persecution.

Pray for Vanuatu. For the training of pastors, elders, deacons and leaders throughout the country. Pray that you will raise up a new generation of leaders who will reform and revitalise the Church. Pray that the Church will not be fragmented by more and more micro denominations but instead be unified around the word of God and the work of God.

Pray that Australians will make the most of this **Easter long weekend**. That they will take time to stop and reflect on the meaning behind Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. That they will share the good news of Jesus either on social media, TV, internet, a friend or from coming to Church this weekend. That the way we celebrate Easter this weekend would make a deep impression on the people around us.

Pray for a sense of unity across the Christian Church in Australia. That rather than be suspicious of one another that we might join together to fulfil the great commission of going to all the world and making disciples.

Bible Reading – Matthew 28:11-20 (NIV)

11 "While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. 12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 telling them, 'You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' 14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. 16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Song – Oh, What a day [Oh, What a Day - Lyrics Video \[Risen\] on Vimeo](#)

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| <p>1. Let the joy begin, let our songs ring out
Let our hearts be glad—love has banished doubt
See the empty cross—all our debts are gone
Only grace remains, for the victory's won</p> | <p>2. See the empty tomb, see the grave clothes there
He has left this place; you won't find Him here
All our fears have fled, let our hopes arise
Heaven waits for us—we will never die</p> |
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Chorus: Oh, what a day, what a glorious day
Oh what a day, what a glorious day
When You conquered death
And rose up from the grave
What a day What a day

Chorus
Bridge: There is still a day that we're awaiting
When the glorious One we love appears
He will take us home with Him forever
He will finally wipe away our tears

Sermon – Going all in! (Stephen T)

Sermon link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ProC6lG6pl0&t=9s>

There are numerous movies out there that have a scene where a number of rich and powerful men and sometimes women are playing poker. And all the movies seem to follow the same script. There is the baddy who is confident in the cards he has been dealt with. He plays it cool, puts out a few chips, a little later adding a few more. He is putting the bait on the hook, throwing the line out into the ocean, hoping the hero will bite and take him on.

Which the hero does. Rather nervously. Sometimes hesitantly. They match the baddies bid, maybe even raising it a little. Everyone else on the table folds and so there are just these two titans left in the match. Then the baddy smirks and **goes all in**. He pushes every chip that he possesses into the middle, daring the hero to match him. If he takes him on, it's a winner takes all scenario. One will go away with everything and the other will go away with nothing. It's a moment of high drama, because the stakes could not be any higher.

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And I think that is what has been happening towards the end of Jesus life. The baddy, Satan, has been playing a game of poker with the Son of God, Jesus. He gets Judas to do his bidding and we find out that he is willing to betray his master and give up the secret of his location. Satan then raises the stakes a bit further by getting the Sanhedrin, the highest religious court in the land to put Jesus on trial and to eventually find him guilty of blasphemy.

Soon after, Satan gets the disciples to all fold and run away so now there is only two players left at the table, good and evil. Satan and Jesus. Going head-to-head. More chips are pushed forward as Pilate condemns Jesus to death. The crowd demands crucifixion. The soldiers beat and bruise the body of Jesus. Until we see that all of Satan's chips are now on the table and Jesus looks like he is defeated. Bloodied. Bruised, strung up on a cross, deserted by his friends, even abandoned by God his father.

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And Satan puts down his hand and it's a Diamond Royal Flush. With a smirk he knows he has won. And when Jesus succumbs to death and ends up in hell, Satan is absolutely ecstatic. He has found the way to defeat God. He has discovered Jesus' kryptonite. He has tied up his son, stopped his mission, mortally wounded the Trinity. Which means the world is now his. God's plans have been outfoxed, outwitted by the king of the world. Satan is now the victor.

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But the victory was short lived. Because on the third day Jesus rose with a full house full of hearts in his hands. Death had been defeated. Sin had been savaged. Satan had gone all in and lost everything. Absolutely everything. He had gambled and lost. And the resurrection from the dead shows that Jesus is now the victor. Sin, Satan & death have been defeated.

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And so, we see in Matthew 28, Jesus appearing to the women. Who tell the disciples the good news, while the guards head in a completely different direction to tell the Sanhedrin the bad news, that the grave is empty and that Jesus is alive. And the disciples are told to go to Galilee to await further instructions. And those marching orders tell us that just as Jesus went all in to defeat Satan, so the disciples are to go all in themselves.

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Because the resurrection changes everything, absolutely everything. The apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15, that if Jesus Christ has not been raised from the dead then we will not be resurrected from the dead either, our faith is futile, our hope is hopeless, our sins are still unforgiven and we Christians are to be pitied more than all others. But if Jesus did come back to life, it means that Satan has been defeated, sin can be forgiven, life continues after death and our relationship with God can be fully restored.

We can now go all in with our lives, because we are not basing them on a lie or a myth or a fantasy **but on a fact**. And a promise. Jesus rose from the dead and he promises to walk with you even through the valley of the shadow of death into life everlasting. We can now go all into this life of faith because

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1. All authority has been given to Jesus (**verse 18**)

¹⁶“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**”

The first words of Jesus to his disciples are not a condemnation, “where were you guys when I really needed you?” It is not a command, “from now on you had better do what I say,” it is a claim. All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me.

All authority. Over good and evil, over sickness, sadness and cancer. Over heart disease and death. Over rulers and authorities, presidents and prime ministers. Over the earth, the sun, the moon, the galaxy, even the whole universe. Jesus reigns and rules over them all. In the words of Abraham Kuyper, there is not a square inch of this universe, over which Jesus does not say, “This is Mine.”

Jesus says to people like you and me, “You may not know what is ahead, but that’s OK because I am in control. You may not understand everything that has happened to you in the past, that’s OK because I am in control. Right now, your life is just a blur, that’s OK for I am in control. For all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Jesus.”

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Do you remember? That in Matthew 4, Jesus was in the desert and being tempted by Satan and Satan takes him to a very high mountain and shows him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour and says “All this I will give you, if you will bow down and worship me.” And here Matthew is saying that Satan didn’t have those kingdoms to give, it was a lie, but God the Father did. And he has now given them all, every single one of them, to Jesus.

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Why are they now his? According to Romans 1:3-4, “*regarding His son, who as to his human nature was a descendent of David and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*”

Jesus Christ our Lord. Not just the Lord of the universe but he can be our Lord as well. Not just the King of the world, but the call is to make him our king. Not just the disciples Lord and King, not just our Lord and King but the Lord & King over the heavens and the earth. Lord over nature and the nations. Lord over disease and demons. Lord over sin and death. Lord over my life. This Jesus has authority over all lives because he came back from the dead

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No wonder the disciples worshipped him. Jesus is Lord. He has been given the pre-eminent position in the hierarchy of everything. Jesus is the one, according to Philippians 2, who lowered himself and made himself man, took on the nature of a servant, humbled himself and became obedient, even death on the cross. This one “*God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.*”

So, can we stop and ponder that, for a moment? All authority has been given to Jesus and the best response, the only response for us is to worship Him. Is that one of the desires of your heart today? To worship Him? To come to him in prayer and song and open up his word and let him speak to you. And as

you draw near to him through the death of Jesus Christ you experience his life-giving Spirit, available to you because of Jesus' resurrection.

How high on your priority list is worship? How often do you find yourself in public worship and in private worship? When you do so, are you open to his word and spirit to change your life? Do you go away encouraged and refreshed because you have just had an audience with the king of kings and the Lord of Lords, the one who has **all authority** on heaven & on earth?

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2. All nations (verse 19)

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

Therefore. Therefore, if Jesus is Lord of the world, then our job as his servants is to go and make disciples of all nations. Now remember that there are currently 3 billion people in our world who live on less than \$3 Australian dollars a day. They have incredible needs for food, clothing and shelter, for governments to give them a job and a sense of security but the most important thing that they need, is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Now the claim of Jesus Christ as Lord leads to a command from Christ to make disciples. And if you know anything about English, you will see that 'make disciples' is the main imperative, the verb that unlocks the key of three participles of going, baptising and teaching. What that means is the task is to make disciples of all nations. And you make disciples, by going and making sure they can hear the message that Jesus is Lord and baptising them, bringing them into the body of believers, the Church and teaching them, all about the life of faith.

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Thus, the key command is to **make disciples**. Those who are currently Jesus disciples are given the task of being disciple making disciples. Now that is a challenge for all of us. For if you are a Christian, what you are really saying is that you are a disciple of Jesus. And if you are a disciple of Jesus, he wants you to be a disciple who makes disciples of others.

I was reading a couple of weeks ago about a survey that asked 4,000 people who had become believers in the last year or two, what was the most important human factor in their conversion? Was it the minister who showed you the truth of the gospel? Was it a Church programme, an outreach event, a playgroup, a youth group that helped lead you to Christ. What it a friend or family member that led you to the Lord, or did you just wake up one day and you wanted to know more about Jesus and so did the bulk of the work yourself?

Well, the results of this survey were that only 8% of people thought their minister was the most influential person and only 5% lumped for the church programmes. And only 6% just felt led by some circumstance to do some more investigation but left 79% of people, 4 out of every 5 believers, came to faith as a result of a friend or family member. 79%!

Which means if we think this disciple making work is just the work of a minister or an evangelist, then we as a Church will be missing out on 80% of the possible conversions around us. Because it is the disciple of Jesus who is best placed to encourage someone else to become a disciple of Jesus.

But those disciples are not being given a comfortable call by Jesus; to come, be baptised and sit in the one location, (or maybe two locations, the Charlestown church & the Charlestown Public School!) Instead, it is a costly call to learn about discipleship from other Christians and then call on their friends and family

around them, or to go to others far away from them, and practise what they preach. Reproduce what has been produced within them.

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So, they firstly go. Jesus says, go everywhere. I want you to go north, I want you to go south, I want you go to east, and I want you to go west. I want you as Gospel explorers to find those peoples and cultures who currently don't know me and speak and tell and proclaim the Gospel there because Jesus is King everywhere on this earth.

In fact, in the book of Revelation when we see what worship looks like in heaven, we read that Jesus blood *"has purchased men and women for God from every tribe, language, people and nation."* At the end of the age there will be people from every people group in heaven. Let's find them now, so that they can bring others, they know, into the kingdom as well.

And notice who are called to go? The disciples who have seen Jesus, some who had worshipped him and others who had doubted him. These disciples are called to make disciples **even if they have their doubts**. Because what Jesus is calling on his disciples here is not to have perfect faith but real faith. And to allow that imperfect faith to springboard them out into the world to share that imperfect faith in a perfect saviour.

And as they do that, some will respond with repentance and faith. And you are to baptise them. Help them to identify with Jesus. Bring them into not just the kingdom but into the family of God. And we baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The whole of the Trinity would have been involved in their conversion and the whole of the trinity will be involved in their spiritual growth, so they are to be baptised into each member of the trinity. And these new disciples are then to be taught.

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But not just taught, that is not what the passage says. And not just taught what Jesus has commanded but taught **to obey everything** that Jesus has commanded them. Obedience needs to be added to faith. Actions need to come as a result of the grace given to them.

Now what this second all is telling us is that we should all have an interest in mission. Do you know there are currently 11,000 people groups throughout our world and 6,000 of them are yet to be reached with the gospel? Do you know that the number of missionaries for the western world is decreasing and the time they are on the field is also decreasing? Of course, you know that the mission field has come to us and that the number of people who identify as Christians in Australia has dropped dramatically in the last 40 or 50 years.

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Yet we are called to make disciples of all nations. Which means you and I should be interested in all nations. Praying for all nations. Willing to learn about what is going on in all nations. Do you know that William Carey, the father of modern missions, was once a cobbler working away in his shop. But he had a map of the world on the wall and when travellers would come into his shop who had been in foreign parts, he would ask them about the state of the gospel in that region. We can do that can't we? We can go or send, get up or kneel down, make sure that we are committed to mission so that Jesus can be seen as Lord of all.

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3. As well as "teaching them to obey **all I have commanded**" (Verse 20a)

Teach them everything. Not just the good bits but the tough bits. Not just the easy things but the hard things. Not just some of Jesus teaching but all of his teaching.

So, what sorts of things are we to teach the nations? Well first of all how to be a disciple! What does following Jesus involve? What does it mean to have Jesus as your Lord? How do you grow in your faith?

And that will involve teaching them the great commission. How important it is not just to come to Jesus but then to go and to baptise and to teach.

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The disciples are to teach the truth about Jesus. That's what Matthew has been writing about in his gospel. The birth of Jesus, the temptation of Jesus, the teaching of Jesus, the power of Jesus, the gentleness of Jesus, the suffering, the death and the resurrection of Jesus. Isn't that what we have been doing this past term here at Church? Looking at Matthew's gospel to learn more about Jesus, to become more familiar with the teachings of Jesus and to try and put that teaching into practice.

So, can I ask how you going on obeying **all that Jesus has commanded you**? Has there been any progress in your godliness since this time last year? Well, let me give you a hint, a way that can help you to do it better next year. Don't just teach it to yourself, but take everything that you are learning and also teach it to others.

I was talking to Dave Wigney a few weeks ago about his sermon that he preached here a while back on humility. And he said it was really hard to teach on humility because he finds it really hard to be humble. Now I say that not because David is a particularly arrogant person, he's not. But to teach it, he realised he had to also work hard at modelling it as well. As well as that, he had to take difficult concepts and make them understandable to all people.

You see one of the best ways for you to step up and take hold of the next level of godliness is to not just to learn the Scriptures yourself but to teach them to your kids or grandchildren, model them to your friends and family, explain them to your colleagues at work and to wrestle with them in your small group.

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4. All authority, all nations, all I have commanded surely, **I will be with you always.** *to the very end of the age.*" (v20) When you think about it, Jesus is really giving his disciples an impossible task here. Yes go, yes make disciples, yes teach, even if you have doubts yourself. But I am not sending you out on your own, for I will never leave you or forsake you.

Now sometimes we take this verse out of context and tell ourselves that Jesus will be with us always, no matter what, and there is some truth in that. But that is not what this verse is saying. Instead, it is telling us that we don't need to be scared about going somewhere in Jesus' name, nor about the task of making disciples of all people, nor about teaching them the deep spiritual truths that Jesus has taught us. Because he will help us do those things. He will give you the words, he will give you the courage, he will give you the strength. God's work, done in God's way will always be given the provision of God's Himself.

For this Jesus is not just lord of the whole world, he is also the lord of time. For he will be with us "until the end of the age." Which at this point is currently 2,000 year long and hasn't ended yet. For this age will continue until Jesus comes again and ushers in a new heaven & a new earth. And until that time comes, Jesus promises to be with those who are his disciples, who are seeking to make disciples of the people all around them.

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All authority has been given to Jesus. We are to make disciples of **all nations**. Teaching them **all that Jesus commanded** and he promises to go with us **at all times**. So not only did Jesus go all in to defeat Satan, he continues to go all in to populate the whole world with his disciples. And he says to us, it's time for us to go all in as well. To put our chips on the table & give it all to him. Because even if we lose everything, we will still have Jesus. And he who has Jesus, has all that they will ever want as well as all they will ever need anyway. Its all for one (Jesus) because that one is for all of us.

Because Jesus lives, brothers and sisters, we have work to do. We have good news to tell. "Sin has been paid for! Death has been undone! Hope and light and life have dawned for all and for any who will look to Jesus!" Because Jesus lives, we must go in obedience to the command of the One who possesses total authority. And because Jesus lives, we can go in the confidence that the One who has such authority has bound Himself never to leave us, never to forsake us, but will by His Spirit be with us until the end of the age.

Let me end with a made up story that recounts what happened when Jesus left earth and went back to heaven. According to this legend, the angel Gabriel approaches him and says, "What's next? You've spent 33 years on earth. You have taught the disciples about the gospel of grace, what's next? And Jesus replies, "Well I told my followers to continue my work. I left it up to Peter, John and the other disciples to make disciples in all of the nations.

Gabriel looked puzzled "But what if Peter and John get tired? What if the people forget your command? What if those in the 21st century get too busy & forget to tell others. Have you made any other plans?" And Jesus said, there are not other plans, I'm counting on them.

In short, Jesus is going all in backing us today. And the call for us is to respond to the death and resurrection of Jesus by going all in ourselves and continuing his mission to the world.

Song – Yet not I but Christ in me

[CityAlight ~ Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me \(Lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

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| <p>1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me</p> | <p>3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me</p> |
| <p>2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me</p> | <p>4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me</p> |

Benediction

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28: 16-20)