



July 3

Passage: Matthew 28

Matthew 28 is one of the most famous chapters in all of the Bible, and I bet you know why it is.... The Great Commission! Like other chapters that we've studied, there is a lot going on!

As we are in finishing of our week in Matthew, pray. Pray the Lord would continue to grow you as we make our way through this gospel.

READ & DIG. Read Matthew 28 (underline anything that sticks out to you)

THE RESURRECTION

Matthew 28:1-10 are ten of the most exhilarating verses in all of scripture. Some would think that it sounds like something out of a science fiction novel, but it's reality. Jesus was dead. As dead as you can be, but now he's alive! This really happened and that's why you and I have so much hope for every day and all of eternity. Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary go to see the tomb of Jesus and tomb has been rolled open. You can imagine their astonishment when the angel appears to them and tells them to not be afraid because Jesus has risen from the grave. The women run and leave to go and tell the disciples and Jesus meets them along the way. What a shocker! I mean really, that would have blown all of us away! And how do the two women respond? By worshipping the Lord. The the only response to the resurrection, when we realize what Jesus has accomplished and done for you and me, is to fall on our face and worship the Lord. He has done the impossible, the unthinkable and conquered death. His resurrection gives life, eternal life, to you and me!

THE GREAT COMMISSION

You know what comes next.... the Great Commission. It's the call and command by Jesus to go and spread the gospel to all the ends of the earth, both near and far. This is one of the hallmarks of being a Christian. It's the last command that Jesus gave before ascending to Heaven, so we can understand and know that it's really important. One thing that popped into my head recently is how similar the Great Commission and the Great Commandment are. When you think about it, the Great Commission is really another way to work out the Great Commandment that Jesus taught his followers earlier in Matthew's gospel. Remember, the Great Commandment is to love the Lord with all of your being and to love your neighbor as yourself. So, take the Great Commission and Great Commandment and think about how they connect. If we love God with everything that we are and we love our neighbor as we would love ourselves, then we won't hesitate to share the greatest news we've ever received!

Apply & GO

- Remember the hope of the resurrection!
- Worship the Lord!
- Love your neighbor enough to share the gospel with them!