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"Jesus - the Way, the Truth and the Life"

John 14:6

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

This excludes any other way that we make outside of Jesus Christ. This holds true for every nation.

Of course it's also true that there are many other ways which mankind has sought to create. Even in Christendom people try to create their own way, yet there is still only one way, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We disciples of our Lord must be found on that road.

We live in a modern era where people say the Gospel no longer apply.

Jesus also said, "I don't condemn you but the words I have spoken will condemn you" (John 12:48).

Matt 28

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus is instructing His disciples. Are you one of His disciples?

Jesus told His disciples to meet Him on a certain mountain, and when they were at the appointed place they saw Him. It was not the first time since His resurrection. They bowed down and worshipped Him but some doubted. Why? It's painful that something so bad can be found in their midst.

What did they doubt about? Did they doubt that He was the one Who arose from the dead, or that it wasn't really Jesus? No certainly not. They would never have bowed down and worshipped Him if they doubted.

What was their source of doubt?

We know that Jesus knew their thoughts. Remember the time when Simon the pharisee criticised Jesus in his heart and Jesus answered his thoughts for He knew what he was thinking about the woman that ministered to Jesus. And Jesus showed Simon that though the woman was a sinful woman, because she loved much, much was forgiven her.

People easily speak about the love of God but they never had godly sorrow for their sin and their sin had never been washed by the precious Blood of the Lamb. Such love is nonsense. Unless you have experienced godly sorrow for your sins and been forgiven you don't know the love of God.

It brings us back to the question, what did the disciples doubt? Since Jesus knew their thoughts His response should indicate to us what their doubt was about.

He revealed Himself to them after His resurrection as the One to Whom all authority had been given, but there were some that doubted it. That is why Jesus answered the way He did.

Maybe you doubt that God can work in our time that is so evil. Maybe you doubt about the Lord's power in your own life where you are conquered again and again? Maybe you doubt that God could work again in our country. Or you doubt that someone from another race can truly be saved.

We see the condition of the world and wonder where this all will end.

But Jesus showed Himself to His disciples as the One with all power and authority and nothing is too difficult for the Lord Jesus. Nothing is beyond His authority and power. Therefore He commanded us to go to all nations and make disciples.

He didn't say go to all nations because He died on the cross, but because all authority had been given to Him. Nothing is beyond His reach, whether it's your husband or wife or children or congregation etc.

He also didn't say to go and teach others to know, but to keep all things He had commanded us.

Great is our commission, we who are in ministry. Woe to us if we're not faithful. Great is the ministry of preaching!

Don't exclude yourself to say you're just a preacher's wife. You too have a commission.

There's a great difference to teach someone to know something than to keep what He had taught us. If we're not doing that then we're failing His calling for us.

How many have you been able to teach not just to know that it's wrong to commit adultery but to keep it and live a pure life?

We're not called to teach regulations but to teach in such a way that people live the way of God.

Jesus didn't in the first instance say, go to China and India, but it starts at home and once they are converted then you go further afield.

You might say your child is just impossible, but His power is so great that nothing is beyond His power.

If we here would be empowered with this authority, what influence would it have on the world?

John Wesley said, "Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergyman or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon the earth."

Can Jesus reveal His power through you, or is there something in your life that hinders the working of God through you.

Don't say you're only a child. God can manifest Himself even through a child.

It is said that 19 out of 20 who become Christians do so before they are 25!

The young people need the Gospel! The earth is full of heathen, people who don't know God.

In 1968 a man had been sentenced because of murder, but he was allowed to go on bail and work on a farm under very difficult circumstances. One day the owner of the farm died. The authorities decided to give the man his freedom, and the letter was written and sent to the farm, but he never received it and so he continued in his slavery for many more years.

There are countless millions headed to death but released by Jesus Christ, but they don't know of the freedom in Christ, the letter has never arrived. You need to go and tell them!

A missionary to India observed how a girl took her six month old baby, walked into the river with the sleeping baby and in one quick movement threw the baby to her watery death. Then she walked out and wept bitterly. The missionary walked up to her and asked her what her problem was. She explained that she had terrible problems at home and her sins torment her. She thought that giving what is most precious to her would serve as penance. The missionary then told her about Jesus and that He is the One who took our sins upon Himself and can solve our problems. The girl replied that she had never heard anything like that, but then she cried to the missionary, "if only you had come thirty minutes earlier my baby would not have died" The missionary came but it was too late to save the child!

What are you doing about those who are perishing in their superstition?

You might say you don't have the means to go to India, but you can start right at home and save those who are perishing.

Dr Duff once preached at a conference and challenged them to surrender all to Jesus, but no one responded. Suddenly he collapsed and a doctor rushed to help him. As he regained consciousness, he requested to be returned to the pulpit, but the dr refused, telling him that he just had a stroke. He replied that it didn't matter how dangerous it was, he had to still tell them one thing. They returned him to the pulpit and he told them, "queen Victoria asked of the English nation to fight in India for England and many volunteered, but when Jesus commands and asks for volunteers to go to all the nations, is there not a single one who volunteers? As I've

had this stroke I will still go to India and be places next to their river where they come for purification that I may tell them of the Lord Jesus who can truly cleanse them." It touched them deeply and many gave themselves unconditionally to Jesus and they were heroes for the Lord Jesus, and faithful to the end.

Will you go and do as Jesus commanded? Jesus had been given all power in heaven and earth and therefore He commands us to go and make disciples of all nations and teach them to keep all that He had commanded us.