



Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about *worship*, about risking themselves totally.

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:16-20

## “Connecting All the Pieces”

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The great **commandment** and the great **commission** make a great \_\_\_\_\_!  
 First we are to \_\_\_\_\_ God with all that we are. Matthew 22:37-38  
 Second, we are to love our \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 22:39

**The Context of the Great Commission** – Matthew 28:1-7

### The Women

The first \_\_\_\_\_ the women find an empty tomb, an angel, and a job.  
 They are to go and tell the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus has been raised from the dead.  
 On their way, they meet \_\_\_\_\_ who says, “Don’t be afraid; go and tell.” 9-10

### The Male Disciples

This is the \_\_\_\_\_ scene the disciples appear since they fled at Jesus’ arrest.  
 They responded to the women’s instructions and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. 28:16-17  
 The Greek word *worshipped* is literally “prostrated themselves in worship.”  
 They had not done this before the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 They worshiped and \_\_\_\_\_. – “risky wavering of hoping you are right.”



The great commission is entrusted not to perfect believers, but to those who show up to follow Jesus even in our fears and doubts. @MarkFosterA2

**The Great Commission** – Matthew 28:18

First, Jesus assures them of his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus.  
 The risen Jesus is no longer in the manger or on the cross, but on the \_\_\_\_\_ as cosmic ruler of the universe. Matthew 11:27a

Second, Jesus gives disciples then and now a threefold commission. 28:19

A. Go and make \_\_\_\_\_ (apprentices) of all nations open to all people.



Jesus wills the church to be a universal, inclusive community of all nations.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ *in the name of* the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*In the name of* means in the possession and \_\_\_\_\_ of. Psalm 124:8  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is the act marking a transition from outside the Christian community to discipleship within it.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ *them to obey everything that I have commanded you.* 28:20

Third, Jesus promised his unending \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 28:20

*We are sent as we are with the greatest task in the world and it is glorious because we go with the greatest presence in the world.*

**Action Step:** As you go, share your love of our lovable, radiant, happy, friendly, accessible, and totally competent God who loves all people including us.