

June 29

Jesus is Given All Power So That We Can Have Power Too

I saw in the night visions...one like a son of man...There was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away – Daniel 7:13-14

[Matthew 28:16-20, a mountain in Galilee] But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had sent them. When they saw him, they bowed down to him, but some doubted.

Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth."

He said to them, "Go into all the world, and preach the Good News to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages; they will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it will in no way hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

"Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you.

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

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of all nations,

Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers at once, most of whom remain until now, but some have also fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

Being assembled together with them, he commanded them, "Don't depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you heard from me. For John indeed baptized in water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you now restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them, "It isn't for you to know times or seasons which the Father has set within his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." [Mark 16:15-18, Acts 1-4-8, 1 Corinthians 15:6-7]

1. What are Jesus' orders? Are they for you? What's not for you? What do you do to obey?
2. Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? How do you know? How is Jesus with you?
3. Holy Spirit, it was good Jesus went away so that you could empower us; today, please...