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Matthew 28:16-20 ¹⁶ But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NASB)

A - Both of these sections are the words of Jesus, given at the same time as the Great Commission in Matthew they also book end Luke's Gospel and the beginning of Acts.

Luke 24:45-49 ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ "You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (NASB)

Acts 1:4-8

⁴ Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, **but to wait for what the Father had promised**, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; ⁸ **but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.**" (NASB)

There are two directives in these passages that I want you to notice.

1 - Wait for the Holy Spirit:

With that being said:

Who did the Disciples follow? *JESUS*

Where did Jesus Go? *Back to heaven with the Father until His return.*

Jesus promised them that someone else was coming to help them...

John 14:16-17 / John 14:25-26 / John 16:7-8

2 - Start in Jerusalem:

Discussion Questions:

1 - What areas in and around your life would benefit the most from an impact with the Gospel Message and why?_____

2 - What, if anything, is preventing you from being the person who brings that change?_____

3 - What can you do, change, learn, or develop your skill level in, to help you “shine brighter” in those environments?_____

For next week: Read through Acts Chapters 2 & 17