



## Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - June 3, 2012

### Sermon

Jesus' Resurrection

Appearances:

*"Jesus Encourages the Disciples to Go into All the World"*

Matthew 28:16-20

by Bob Shank

Things I want to remember about this sermon...

Monday 6/4/12

Matthew 28:16

This verse reminds us that only eleven disciples were remaining now. Judas was no longer around, so the eleven went to Galilee as Jesus commanded them and went up to the mountain. There is something about mountains, at least in my opinion. I like to say, "There's no place like the mountains!" So the disciples obeyed Jesus command and went up to the mountain in Galilee. Do you think they had any idea what was about to happen?

Tuesday 6/5/12

Matthew 28:17

Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples. The resurrected Jesus was right there with them on that mountain! Like many of us, there were different reactions to this. They all saw Jesus and some of the disciples worshiped Jesus, while others doubted. Matthew does not point fingers at or name those who doubted. Judgment is always a dangerous thing and it is God who judges; not us. Do you ever judge others? Do you ever doubt?

Wednesday 6/6/12

Matthew 28:18

Jesus spoke to the disciples. That's right, in his resurrected body, Jesus was able to speak and the disciples understood him. He was not some ghost that just floated by to be seen but not heard. Can you see why some doubted? Jesus spoke and told them that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to him. This was more information from Jesus that needed to be believed. He was stating a fact, yes, but a fact that when put to the disciples and put to us requires a response. Is your response one of belief? What do you believe? Who is Jesus? What does he mean to you? What does it mean that he has authority in heaven and here on earth?



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

*What does The Great Commission mean to you?*

*Do you believe Jesus died and was resurrected?*

*What kind of resurrection body did Jesus have? Can you describe it?*

*If Jesus had a resurrection body like this, what does this mean to us and our future?*

*Teach something you know to someone else!*

Thursday 6/7/12  
Matthew 28:19

This verse is commonly known as The Great Commission because it is Jesus' command to the disciples to go out and make more disciples of all nations. This was the commission of the early disciples but also our commission, too. How are we making disciples here at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church? Are we making disciples of all nations or are we only making local disciples? How can we live out our commission better? What can you do today to obey The Great Commission?

Friday 6/8/12  
Matthew 28:20

The Great Commission includes a strong component of teaching. The disciples were to teach others what Jesus taught them. Teaching and learning are some of the most profound things we do in this life. If we learn anything of importance that is meaningful to us, then we are to teach someone else in return. Imagine if the disciples did not obey this part of Jesus' command. We wouldn't know about Jesus today. Today, teach someone something you know that is meaningful to you.

Saturday 6/9/12  
Mark 16:19-20

Mark's gospel records what happened after the disciples received The Great Commission from Jesus. Jesus ascended into heaven. His resurrected body apparently did not change; he went to heaven in the same resurrected body as the disciples saw him. This must have been a challenging time for the disciples--to see their friend and Master leaving them. However, they took Jesus' words to heart and lived out their lives doing what he commanded. Are you a good disciple of Jesus? Do you do what he commands? How can you do better?