

T: Know that because Jesus is over all, mission is what we are supposed to be doing.

A: See Jesus and take the good news out.

Start with **Romans 1:16**. Start new series "unashamed", 3 on Romans, 1 on Gt Commission. All of which address our outreach as a church.

▲ Anyone know where **this** is? Not Notre Dame, but St Pauls Cathedral.

I've told some of you before the story about Christopher Wren, famous architect of St Paul's Cathedral who once strolled incognito among the workers on the building site when the cathedral was being built 17th C. "What are you doing?" he inquired of one of the workmen, and the man replied, "**I am cutting a piece of stone.**" As he went on he put the same question to another man, and the man replied, "**I am earning five shillings a day.**" And to a third man (let's say a man shifting rubble) he asked the same question and the man answered, "**I am helping Sir Christopher Wren build a beautiful cathedral.**" Well this guy had the **big picture**- he was helping build an awesome building which until 1967 was the tallest building in London.

What is the big picture for the task that Jesus has given to his church? So important.

And getting the big picture right, like that builder, can do 3 great things:

- **Turns the unimportant things into important things!** turn something feels a bit mundane from a chore to a wonderful joy! (shifting rubble – in case C Wren), hard work of putting up signs outside church, organising rota, chatting to someone on own.
- **Turn us from being spectator to a participant.** Easy to come to church as a consumer. Someone said church can be like stadium football game- few people doing all the work and rest just watching. All have a role- thanks for being part of new rota- see Katie/me if need job!
- in particular knowing the big picture **turns fog into focus**.... Sharpen our priorities, and focus you on what is truly essential. Cut out what isn't important, add what is.

SO what is the task of the church in general and ours in particular?

God given task to the Glory of God entrusted to us by the risen Jesus is. V19. Making disciples.

So let's turn back to **Matt 28**. Great commission.

One of sunrise service resurrection readings. This all happened soon after Jesus had risen from the dead.

Enjoy spending some time with the risen Jesus. **V19-20.**

3 **all's** that help us to know what we're supposed to be doing...

First is most crucial, as a church, but also for anyone who is new to church this morning.

1) JESUS' POSITION OF **ALL** AUTHORITY

Context: J risen. Alive. V10- appeared to women and told go to Galilee.

V16. Eleven- very loaded. One missing.

v16. Mountain (Sinai)- **Sermon on Mount** – where main body of book began. **Transfiguration. Calvary.**

V17 some doubted- fear and faith- realistic (dead few days ago!)- extraordinary thing and it's OK to have qs! Some days I have both in same day, and I need to be pointed back to the truth of Scripture.

V18 KEY! If we understand who Christ is, it will send us onwards with our task. Look at the position Jesus has been given. He is the King of Kings. Authority= permission. Authorised open that document/unlock that gate.

The God of the Universe has given authority to HIM.

Saw in Mark 1-2 his authority. Saw Jesus- disease, disaster, devil, even death.

▲ Important- monarch or President or PM. Just say the word- steak for my corgis/my lunch. Say the word.

This is the fundamental truth about Christianity. Jesus Christ is Lord.

God – the ruler of the whole universe has given the keys to Jesus. All of it.

▲ Some moved house- given keys- v exciting. It's yours now, either owned or rented. It's Jesus. Not houseshare!

When you get that see him in a new light.....Mount of transfiguration- blazing Glory!

Did u see 2 parts?- he is king over heaven. Spiritual realms: There is no other God/ force that rivals him. Mohammed, Buddha, Krishna, or the secularist ideologies of our day have NOT been given authority. None of them are the true King. They are idols. That doesn't mean we must have a fight, but it means we must have a conversation, humbly say we disagree- have you considered evidence Jesus is KING.

And there's not 2 equal and opposite forces battling it out, like some Star Wars- dark side and the force. Hope good guys will win. ALL AUTHORITY TO JESUS.

He is king over the earth. He is the rightful ruler over Hamburg, Hanoi, Hyderabad, Hunchun, Hunstanton, Huntingdon. **There is no-one nowhere and no-one on this planet who does not have the words "belonging to Jesus" written in an invisible nametape!** Because of who He is, and what he did, God has appointed **HIM** KING! ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO JESUS!

So when he gives us a task to do in v19 to go and speak don't you think we should?! Should we? Allowed?

We will find it v hard to say anything to anyone about Jesus, unless we have seen his authority! **Risen King.**

But wonderful thing about this King, unlike most others. His is a good rule. His Yoke is gentle.

He doesn't use his authority like some corrupt leader to serve himself. But to serve others.

He wears a **crown**, but it's a **crown of thorns**. He uses his authority to forgive.

One day he will return in power to smash the rulers who continue in rebellion against him, but now he offers his amnesty to those who return to him.

Such an encouragement if we are confused, suffering, struggling,

Have we got this firm. God has given all authority to Jesus. HE IS THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE.

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So What is that task...

2) JESUS' PROGRAMME FOR ALL NATIONS v19,20

1 Key Command. v19 MAKE DISCIPLES. Learners. Jesus-followers.

Disciple= follower (▲L Plates) Take Yoke. **Make Disciples**= help others to do so. We are all **DMD's**. **Did you know that.** Some may not started yet. If you do, this is the task given:

help others learn to follow Jesus- to trust in his death, to find new life in him, to obey Jesus as the rightful ruler that he is.

But how bring about>

3 participles (doing words). Possibly slight oversimplification but...

a) Going (ENGAGE): Contact. Get out there. Being Sent by Jesus. Not simply overseas mission (possibly for some), but friendship with intent. Not targeting, but sharing life and gospel. Some of us do this easily, others harder.

b) Baptising (EVANGELISE): bringing to initial public allegiance to Christ. So sharing the good news of Jesus. (not all Evangelists, but all can be involved bringing ppl to gospel – WYLTCTCWM). But must get the good news out (News is words- imagine news broadcast with silence!).

c) Teaching (EDIFY): discipleship not just about numbers but depth. Not make “converts”.

Could plot this on a grid.

Initial Contact	Relationship Building	Serving Others	First Conversations	Deliberate Gospel chats	Steps towards Commitment	Christian Living	Ongoing Growth	Equipping to serve others
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Could add. ME.... CHURCH.... NEXT STEPS?

In fact going to give each one grid at the end.

To take away and think on your own.

Think about lines

Saw last summer Eph 4 teaches that all Christians are to be involved in building up the body, and though some will be given word gifts to teach the word to adults, children, all can speak the truth in love.

Building one another up to serve one another more. Eph 4: 11-16.

And cos Jesus has authority over all, this is for all nations.

Scary could never do it...

Mission impossible? Would be if we were on our own.

3) JESUS' PRESENCE FOR ALL TIME

Such encouragement having someone to help isn't it.

Working on a project at **work** in **garden** or in **kitchen** or **fixing** something and someone helps.

Hard being on your own. You're not!

But More than that. Sounds silly but if..

- **Cake maker**, and worlds best cake maker (Mary Berry) came alongside and gave you help.
- **Footballer** and Pele or Maradona (both considered best in world) was with you on pitch.
- **Violinist** and Yehudi Menuhin come back from grave and his spirit live in you.

Well Jesus is with us.

I know sounds strange if you are not a Christian.

But he rose from the dead. And he's with his people.

And that makes all the difference.

As you go into hospital with Lesley
 Into room of mates
 workplace

"What in the world am I supposed to be doing?" Ever asked yourself that Q?! This passage answers it.

Making a fortune, making a home, making a name for myself, making a family, making a stand? V19. This is the task J given us as indiv/church,

Let's pray.