

1. Matthew 28:19-20 were the last words Jesus gave to His disciples before His ascension.
2. This statement has become known as “the Great Commission” among believers.
3. Sharing your faith with others can be very challenging when you realize that you are bringing to them the most important news they could ever hear.
4. However - the message of many of today’s religious leaders is that it does not matter what one believes about God.
5. Christianity is no longer the majority religion of Western culture.
6. For the writers of the N.T. Jesus’ resurrection was the focal point of their teaching.
7. Peter wrote that we have an “imperishable inheritance” - available only because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
8. Paul wrote that belief in the resurrection of Christ was required for eternal life.
9. Jesus asserted that He was speaking the truth when He referred to Himself as the “Son of God.”
10. And of course the critics asked Jesus for a sign to confirm His claim.
11. Jesus told His critics that the sign would be His resurrection.
(Matthew 12:38-40, 16:1-4; John 2:18-21; Mark 14:58; Luke 11:29-30 and Romans 1:4)
12. Islam and Mormonism both provide a different way to God - but they both cannot be the only true way to God.
13. This leaves us with the conclusion that one or both of these religions are incorrect.
14. The claim made by Jesus leaves no room for vagueness or doubt.
15. The resurrection is the confirmation of the assurance that we experience through the Holy Spirit and the Word - it came from God.
16. We not only have an internal assurance but we have external evidence as well.
17. The resurrection of Jesus Christ also has a practical application.
18. Jesus Christ made a way for people even today to hear the gospel - by releasing His disciples to go and make disciples.
19. We should live our lives sensibly, righteously, and godly in this present world. (Titus 2:11-12)
20. The Holy Spirit is essential in order for a person to come to Christ.

21. Who you are and also your personal testimony is very important in reaching people for Christ.
22. The church was not designed to be a group of spectators who attend weekly lectures - it was designed to be an equipped army with a powerful message.
23. Biblical definition of a disciple: A disciple is one who knows and follows Christ, is being changed through growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ, and is committed to the mission of Christ.