"The Rest of the Story" (Matthew 28:16–20)

Easter Sunday Afternoon

I. Jesus' Disciples on the Galilean Mountain (verse 16–17)

Acts 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

- A. Their Obedience to Jesus' Directions
- B. Their Worship of the Risen Lord
- C. Their Doubts in Weak FaithLuke 24:10–11, 18–27, 36–49; John 20:27–29
- II. Jesus' Announcement of Universal Authority (verse 18)
 - A. An Announcement of Kingdom Power Inherited

 Daniel 7:13–14
 - B. An Announcement of Divine Glory GivenDaniel 4:34–35; Isaiah 48:11; Hebrews 1:1–4; John 17:5
 - C. An Announcement of Cosmic Dominion Won1 Peter 3:21–22; Ephesians 1:19–23; John 12:31–33
- III. Jesus' Commission of Worldwide Discipleship (verse 19–20a)
 - A. The Demand for Worldwide Spread
 - B. The Authority to Make Disciples
 - C. The Ingathering of All NationsGalatians 3:7–14
 - D. The Baptism into the Triune Name
 - E. The Teaching of Christ's Commands
 Isaiah 42:4
- IV. Jesus' Promise of Constant Presence (verse 20b)
 - A. His Powerful Presence Every Day
 - B. His Everlasting Presence until His ComingMatthew 13:40–43, 49–50; 24:3, 14, 30–31; Acts 1:9–11

Necessary Exhortations

- 1) Repent of doubt and worship the risen Lord!
- 2) Rejoice that our Lord Christ sits enthroned!Psalm 110:1–3
- Reject your own life and be Christ's disciple!Matthew 16:24–27
- 4) Rely on Christ's Promised Presence!
 Acts 18:8–10; 2 Timothy 4:16–18