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The Gospel of Matthew #110. Conclusion.

THINKING LIKE A MISSIONARY

Matthew 28:18-20

Note: the Great Commission was not tacked on as a surprise!

You could see it coming all along if you observed Jesus' heart

From OT: Gen 12:2-3: the Abrahamic Covenant
Psalm 110: Jesus on the Throne of the Nations

See the Missionary Messiah thru Matthew:

- Ch 1: Genealogy: Rahab, Ruth
- Ch 2: first worshippers mentioned: Gentile Magi from Babylon
- Ch 4: Satan offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world
- Ch 4: begins His ministry in dark "Galilee of the Gentiles"
- Ch 5: disciples are salt and light of the world
- Ch 6: Pray: "Hallowed be Your Name; Your Kingdom come."
- Ch 8: Roman centurion is picture of the nations at the Feast
- Ch 11: Woe to the Jewish cities who reject Him
- Ch 15: Mercy to believing Canaanite woman
- Ch 19: Rewards for those who leave homes for Him
- Ch 21: House of Prayer [for all nations] (Isa 56:7)
- Ch 21: Kingdom taken from you [Jews] and given to others
- Ch 22: Wedding feast for the unlikely
- Ch 22: Quotes Psm 110 about Himself (Lord of Nations)
- Ch 24: Gospel will be preached to ALL nations
- Ch 25: ALL nations will be gathered before Him in judgment
- Ch 26: He is Son of Man of Dan 7 Who will come to Nations
- Ch 27: Sign "King of Jews' in Greek & Latin as well as Hebrew
- Ch 27: Roman centurion says He was a/the Son of God
- Ch 28: ALL authority over ALL the nations is His, so only natural that ALL His disciples are given the command to make disciples of ALL the nations.

This command was **not** only given to those called to be "missionaries." Rather ALL disciples ARE missionaries! Therefore we must learn to **think like missionaries!**

- 1. Honestly see my heart: poverty of spirit
- 2. See His sacrifice: the cross
- 3. See His resurrection: Lord of ALL
- 4. See His Mission—and Commission
 - Realize He continues His mission—through ME!
 - Be caught up in it in all I do
 - Look for opportunities for the Gospel always
 - Practice His Presence (v20)
 - Waiting on tiptoe for the End of the Age: His Return!

And that is what Matthew is about.