

Matthew 28:20b

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Introduction

- I. These words Jesus' parting promise before His ascension into heaven, as things are changing.
- II. Jesus' promises exactly what they needed: He will be with them.

Jesus' Parting Promise

I. The Amazing Promise

- A. This promise is a promise of enduring friendship and love.
 1. This is a beautiful declaration of Jesus' love for His church.
 2. This is amazing because Jesus expresses a wonder that no man can promise.
 3. As we remember Jesus' ascension, we are taught how to see Him.
- B. But we want to understand from Scripture the ways Jesus Christ is with us always.
 1. He is present with us by His Word.
 2. We also have Jesus Christ in us by His Spirit.

II. The Needed Promise

- A. We need Christ's presence because of the greatness of the task we are called to do.
- B. We need this promise because of the great tribulation that is coming.

III. The Encouraging Promise

- A. Jesus Christ encourages us to keep trusting in His promises.
- B. This promise of Jesus encourages us to keep on serving Him.