

# The Command of Jesus To The Apostles (1)

MARK 16:14-20

Intro. [A] These scriptures are often called a commission.

- Matt. 28:16-20 | 1. Matthew gives a similar record.  
Luke 24:47-49 | 2. Luke's account is without the "Go".  
John 21:15-25 | 3. John does not end his gospel with a commission but with an affirmation of truth.

[B] Did Jesus give a command to His Apostles to preach to all nations?

1. Acts 10:34-43
2. vs. 42 "And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead".
3. "commanded" = παραγγέλλω = to announce beside or near to any one", to hand an announcement from one to another, pass it on, to give the word, give orders, to order, recommend, exhort".
4. "And he charged us..." ASV
5. "And he gave us a commission to preach..." - Knox

## I. The Persons To Whom Jesus Gave This Command.

[A] They were the eleven remaining Apostles.

1. They do meet every requirement for a church.
2. The promise of power and ability was given to them. Luke 24:49. This is affirmed again in Acts 1:8, The fulfillment came upon 120, Acts 1:15 when, on the day of Pentecost, they were all with one accord in one place".
3. It was to this company that deacons were given. Acts 6:1-

Vs. 17 b D. In my name shall they cast out devils". (2)

1. Acts 8:7 (5-8)

2. Philip - "For many unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them".

E. they shall speak with new tongues". (2)

1. Acts 2:4

2. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues..."

Vs. 18 F. They shall take up serpents". (3)

1. Acts 28:3-5

2. This puts Betty in an unexplainable circumstance. She was bitten by a copperhead.

G. "...and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them...". (4)

I Tim 5:23 1. In the course of "going" if they are poisoned by anything they will not be harmed.

2. It is interesting that Paul told Timothy to, "drink no longer water, but wine for thy stomachs sake", if such a spiritual law still existed, he could drink the water.

H. "... they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover".  $\epsilon\chi\omega$  = to have +  $\kappa\alpha\lambda\omega\varsigma$  = well, to be well, Recover from sickness.

1. Acts 3:7

2. "... and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed".