

# Speak the Name of Jesus

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MARK 16:15

People like good news, whether it's about winning a big game, acing a test at school, or landing a big deal at work. We usually want to share this good news with the people we know. There is something in us that desires to share our joy and excitement!

Jesus began His ministry on earth by telling people some good news, that God's kingdom on earth had begun. He was making a way for all people to be reconciled to God and receive salvation. This is good news, that God invites us to know Him! It's good news that we can be free of our sins and experience God's forgiveness. It's good news that God is making right everything that evil and sin have made so wrong. It's good news that soon there will be no more poverty, pain, brokenness, injustice or death. It's good news that there is enough room for all of us in the new reality God is creating. My friends, this is not just good news, it's the best news!

In Mark 16:15, Jesus says to His disciples, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” This is one of five places in Scripture where Jesus' Great Commission appears. This command to make disciples is clearly to be the marching orders for the church. Jesus said these words to His disciples after they had watched Him die on a cross and had seen His body laid in a tomb. The resurrected Jesus, having conquered death and sin, gave them this mission. It was their faith in His resurrection and the confidence in His victory that drove them to obey His great commission and change the world.

The driving power that carries the church (that's you and me) and carries us around the world to tell others is our faith in that same Jesus, and our confidence is likewise in His victory. Have you ever believed that you lack the skill or determination to do anything for God? Let me encourage you, just as those early church believers, through the Holy Spirit, you've got the power! Question is, how will you use it?