

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Jesus used this name to identify with the people without raising false political expectations. People expected a warrior Messiah, but by calling himself "Son of Man," he revealed that his mission was to save humanity through service and sacrifice.

He not only cared for us, but He became like us. The mandate has no geographical, cultural, or ethnic boundaries. Making disciples goes beyond gaining converts; it involves forming followers of Christ.

This passage calls all Christians to be messengers of the gospel. Today we live in a polarized world, with divided families and communities. It is necessary that we return to the origins of discipleship, where they were messengers of peace, justice, and hope to all the marginalized and excluded peoples of that time.

In our current context, we see migrants and refugees among us, seeking recognition and inclusion in our communities. Our mission, therefore, demands that we step outside the walls of our churches and look upon the faces of our brothers and sisters who need comfort and hope. We must have empathy, embodying the suffering of others.

God calls us to console one another, to celebrate all the good He gives us, His creation, a work He created with His hands and His love. Are we grateful? What do we do to care for what He has created? We must be like the first Christian communities who shared what they had, bringing the liberating message of the Gospel to all people, teaching that God's love and grace are for all humanity, that we must transform situations of injustice in the most vulnerable social groups, so that all may enjoy the message of peace and hope, in which everyone has the right to a life of abundance and dignity.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.