

Our job as followers of Christ is to preach the gospel, Jesus will reveal himself to those who choose to believe.

14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

Vrs 15 God gives believers the "Commission" (instruction, command, duty) that he wants us to carry out while we're here on the earth.

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Vrs 16 Jesus explains what will happen when we do preach the gospel

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Vrs 17-18 We are told how we can tell if someone is a believer.

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; (dealings with spiritual enemies, see Luke 10:19) they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Luke 10:19 (NKJV)
19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Vrs 19 Jesus takes his place of honor

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Vrs 20 The disciples do there job and Jesus working with them does his job.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Vrs 20 is the model for us to follow

We preach the gospel everywhere, and Jesus will work with us and confirm the word through accompanying signs.

## We must be prepared to:

Cast out demons (kick them out of our own lives and pray them out of others)

Speak with new tongues (as the Holy Spirit gives utterance Acts 2:4)

Take up serpents, drink anything dangerous (engage in spiritual warfare)

Lay hands on the sick and the sick recover

The means for this to happen comes through the baptism in the Holy Spirit

## Mark 1:8 (NKJV) 8 I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

