

JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE

MATTHEW 28

Text: Matthew 28:20

(Matthew 28:20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Introduction:

Our world desperately needs people who are trustworthy and dependable. Jesus is that kind of person. Jesus is always there.

1. TO LISTEN WHEN WE NEED TO CONFIDE

(Isaiah 65:24) And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

A. All of us need a listening ear at times and so we confide in doctors, lawyers, counselors, friends, or loved ones.

B. Broken confidences have caused many to hurt and become disillusioned. Such betrayals bring disappointment and regret.

C. Jesus never fails. He hears the faintest cry. He cares and understands. he listens when we need to confide. Jesus is always there.

(Psalms 34:17) The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

2. TO LIFT WHEN ADVERSITIES BETIDE

(Hebrews 13:6) So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

A. Many people are ready to listen to the difficulties of others but are unwilling to sacrifice or lend a helping hand.

B. Jesus not only listens but he also lifts when adversities betide. He gives strength, support, and supplies the needs of those who trust Him.

(Philippians 4:19) But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

C. Finite power often falters and fails but Christ's infinite power never fails. Jesus is always there.

(Proverbs 3:5) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

3. TO LEAD AND TO BE OUR GUIDE

(John 16:13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

A. In today's confused and frustrated world many Christians lack direction. Moral break down and sinful influences face caused them to lose their perspective about right and wrong.

B. Christ's Holy Spirit gives direction to those who are totally committed to God.

C. Christians are led one day at a time and sometimes just a step at a time, but they are led, nevertheless, for Jesus is always there.

(Proverbs 3:6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

4. TO LOVE AND FOREVER ABIDE

(Hebrews 13:5) Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

A. Our affluent society has caused the love of many to wax cold. Temporal pursuits have captured the hearts of millions.

B. Everyone needs to love and to be loved. Love is a psychological and spiritual need. We cannot live without it.

(Romans 5:8) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

C. Christ's love is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It is just as potent today as it was when He died for our sins. Trust His love today - Jesus is always there.