

SUNDAY, APRIL 26



Matthew 28:16–20 ♦ Psalm 80:1–7

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.

Matthew 28:19

Now What?

Jesus, God Himself, became man. He grew up. He taught and healed and loved people. He died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. The most incredible events in history, foretold for ages, were now mostly complete. Jesus was going home.

“He is ris’n and sends To all earth’s ends Good news to save ev’ry nation” (*LSB* 483:1).

Jesus went back to get things ready for us, and what does He want us to do? Tell people.

After all, we tell people about a good book, a nice dinner, a gripping movie. Why on earth would we not tell people the most incredible truth of all?

Imagine if Jesus said this to His disciples: “Yeah, I endured the worst moment imaginable and died to save you from eternal condemnation, but no big deal. Just relax and don’t worry about telling all the other people I love what I did for them.”

Nope; I can’t imagine it either. Yes, it can be difficult, but we are Easter people! Remember the joy you felt two weeks ago when you sang Alleluia at the top of your lungs? Take a moment now and sing a few more rounds. Remember that the Spirit of the Lord lives inside you and has given you all you need to obey Jesus’ words: “Go.”

Holy Spirit, guide me and equip me with all I need to tell the Good News of salvation to others. Amen.