

Engage With Jesus: The Other Side of the Coin Matthew 28:18-20

What comes to mind when you hear “engage with Jesus”? I'm sure the quick thoughts that pop into the heads of many would fall into the realm of prayer, reading scripture, and joining in worship. Rightfully so, To "engage with Jesus" is to actively seek His presence in our lives through prayer, worship, and reflection on the scriptures. However, I would argue that that is one side of the coin. To wholly "engage with Jesus" is a commitment to living our lives in a way that reflects Him. Many of Jesus' and the Apostle's teachings are about becoming like Jesus. Through prayer, scripture, and worship, Jesus was dedicated to a personal relationship with God. The big difference between Jesus and many people today is the other side of the coin. Jesus was active in love and compassion, dealing with others in kindness and understanding. This engagement is not a one-time event but an ongoing dialogue, a constant intertwining of our lives with His teachings, shaping us into better disciples and bearers of His love.

Matthew 28:18-20 “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” NASB

In this passage of scripture, Jesus is giving those who choose to be followers a simple focus of discipleship. Being disciples of Christ, we are entrusted with the duty to fully embrace the principles of engagement and reconnection principles and strive to perfect our imitation of His ways. The journey toward discipleship is the path we get to walk not just now but till Christ comes. Our overall mission is to love God and love others, faithfully following the example of Jesus Christ laid out for us in the scriptures of the Holy Bible. How can you engage with Jesus this week? Engage both sides of the discipleship coin.