



*First Baptist Church of Cypress*  
**The Commission of Christ**

**Mark 16:14-20**

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Good morning church! Good morning church! The journey we have taken for over a year now has been a vigorous one of seeing the work and person of Jesus Christ. Turn in your Bibles to the last chapter of the Gospel of Mark for the last time. Remember that Mark is straightforward, not writing a full biography or even a complete account of Jesus' public ministry but is facing the facts of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Some suggests this gospel as the earliest account of Jesus & was written in years A.D. 50s to an audience of Roman believers. Last week, as we studied the facts surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection, we can come to no other conclusion but that Jesus was dead, and He did rise from the grave. Paul and the disciples who wrote the Gospels offers proof of those who have seen the risen Christ.

**Mark 16:14-20**

"Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. 15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." 19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs."

*"Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."* **John 20:28-29**

*"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**

### 1. Christ Commissions Apostles & All Believers... (v 14-16)

- When — GO
- Where — WORLD
- How — PROCLAIM
- What — GOSPEL
- Who — Whole CREATION

### 2. Signs of a True Apostle... (v 17-18)

- Cast out DEMONS in Jesus' name
- Speak with new TONGUES
- Pick up SERPENTS with hands
- IMMUNE to deadly drink
- Laying HANDS on the sick

*“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.”*

**Matthew 10:1**

*“The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.”* **2 Corinthians 12:12**

- APOSTLES motivates the body to look BEYOND the walls in order to carry out the Great COMMISSION.

*“by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ”* **Romans 15:19**

### 3. The Lord Continues to Work... (v 19-20)

- The SON of God is ministering from HEAVEN.

*“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* **Philippians 2:9**

- The SPIRIT of God ministered through the APOSTLES in a unique way.

*“Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?”*

**1 Corinthians 12:29-30**

*“how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”* **Hebrews 2:3-4**

- The SPIRIT of God is ministering through US.

*“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”*

**1 Corinthians 15:58**