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La Jolla Christian Fellowship

JESUS, UnMASKED.

Episode 1: The "Already-Not Yet" Mission.

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Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1) Jesus commands us to make disciples with His authority.

- a) But, the world doesn't accept His authority.
 - i) Our current world.
 - ii) Ancient world.
 - iii) Individuals.
 - iv) Our own hearts.
 - (1) When people rebel against Jesus they show the "not yet" reality.
- b) What does discipleship look like in the New Testament?
 - i) Christ sharing Community
 - ii) Twos and threes
 - iii) Word
 - iv) Trinitarian thinking

2) Jesus is able to command and empower us to make disciples of all nations because He was given authority from the Father.

- a) God the Father has the authority and gave it.
- b) Jesus earned the right to have authority.
 - i) Through His life, death and resurrection
 - ii) Jesus completed/fulfilled the Old Testament types/figures.
 - (1) He was the second Adam but perfect.
 - (2) He was foreshadowed in Noah and the ark.
 - (3) He is seen in Abraham and the nations.
 - (4) He was like Moses but a greater deliverer and prophet.
 - (5) He was in the line of King David.
 - (6) He is building a new temple like Solomon of old.

3) Jesus is always "WITH" us when we go out because of the Holy Spirit inside us.

- a) We are indestructible! (*like Wolverine* ;)
- b) We are building a family "on mission" through gifts of encouragement.