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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**The Great Commission:
Disciples
Matthew 28:18–20**

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Matt. 28:20, “ ‘teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

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- 4. Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**
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The Context

Matt. 28:16, “Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

Matt. 28:17, “When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.”

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**ἐξουσία *exousia* Noun nom fem sing
right, power, authority, ruling power, a
bearer of authority**

Dan. 7:14, “Then to Him [Son of Man] was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”

Eph. 1:22, “And He [God the Father] put all things under His [God the Son] feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,”

Eph. 4:15, “but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

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Other than the 12: Matt. 1×, Luke 1×

John's disciples: Matt. 4×, Mark 2×, Luke 2×, John 2×

General principles: Matt. 3×, Luke 1×, John 3×

Pharisees disciples: Matt. 1×

Joseph of Arimathea: Matt. 1×, John 2×

Verb: Matt. 3×

**To the Twelve: Matt. 66×, Mark 44×, Luke 33×,
John 71×**

Acts: Almost all are to believers in general

What is a Disciple?

“*Mathēteuō* (make disciples) is the main verb and the central command of verses 19–20, which form the closing sentence of Matthew’s gospel. The root meaning of the term refers to believing and learning. Jesus was not referring simply to believers or simply to learners, or He would have used other words. *Mathēteuō* carries a beautiful combination of meanings. In this context it relates to those who place their trust in Jesus Christ and follow Him in lives of continual learning and obedience. “If you abide in My word,” Jesus said, “then you are truly disciples of Mine” (John 8:31). It should be noted that some disciples were not true (see John 6:66).””

~John MacArthur, *Matthew*

What is a Disciple?

“A person who is not Christ’s true disciple does not belong to Him and is not saved. When a person genuinely confesses Christ as Lord and Savior, he is immediately saved, immediately made a disciple, and immediately filled with the Holy Spirit. Not to be Christ’s disciple is therefore not to be Christ’s at all.”

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BDAG: to be a pupil, a learner, one who engages in learning through instruction from another.

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A man is called a *mathētēs* when he binds himself to someone else in order to acquire his practical and theoretical knowledge. He may be an apprentice in a trade, a student of medicine, or a member of a philosophical school. One can only be a *mathētēs* in the company of a *didaskalos*, a master or teacher, to whom the *mathētēs* since the days of the Sophists generally had to pay a fee. An obvious exception to this is when *mathētēs* refers to spiritual dependence on a thinker long since dead.

The Septuagint (LXX) emphasizes learning from the Word of God

Deut. 4:10, “especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.’ ”

Deut. 17:19, “And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,”

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Deut. 31:12, “Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law,”

Psa. 119:71, “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.”

2 Tim. 3:12, “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”

Acts 2:42, “They were devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching [*didache*] and to fellowship, [that is], to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Acts 5:25, “So one came and told them, saying, ‘Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!’ ”

Acts 5:28, “saying, ‘Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!’ ”