

COMMISSION PASSAGES

Passage	Command	Missions Emphasis	Focus
Matt 28:18-20	Make disciples	of all nations	as you go, baptize, teach to obey
Mk 16:15-22	Preach good news	go into all the world	Preaching to all people
Luke 24:46-49	proclaim repentance / forgiveness of sins	to all nations	Witnessing to the message
Jn 17:13-20; 20:21-23	I am sending you	into, but not of the world	Personal representative of Christ
Acts 1:8	be my witnesses	Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, ends of the earth	Power of Holy Spirit for enablement

JOHN 17:15-18

Prayer for
the disciples
the night
before the
cross.

I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, **I also have sent them** into the world.

JOHN 20:21

So Jesus said to them again,
"Peace to you! As the Father
has sent Me, **I also send
you.**"

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Instruction
to the
disciples the
night of the
resurrection

As You **sent Me** into the world,
I also have **sent them** into the world.

ἀποστέλλω – (apostello) aorist active indicative

I Sent them. The same verb (apostello) is used of the original commission of these men (Mark 3:14) and the special commission (Luke 9:2) and the renewal of the commission after the resurrection (John 20:21)

MARK 3:14

Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might **send them** out to preach,

LUKE 9:2

He **sent them** to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

MARK 16:15

Given to the
eleven
disciples on
the night of
the
resurrection

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and **preach** the gospel to every creature....And these signs will follow ... In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Given the
eleven
disciples on a
mountain top
in Galilee

19 Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit,
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.

LUKE 24:46-48

Given to the
right before
the
ascension

Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached** in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.

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ACTS 1:8

Prediction given to the disciples just before His ascension from the Mount of Olives

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Commission`	Activity
Matthew	making disciples of all nations: baptizing, teaching
Mark	preaching gospel with confirming signs
Luke	personal witnessing to the message to all nations
John	personal representatives of Christ to the world
Acts	power of Holy Spirit for witnessing

ACTS 8:1

Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

ACTS 8:4-6

Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

ACTS 8:25

So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

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Acts 11:19-20

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus.

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Acts 13:1-4

1 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So, **being sent out by the Holy Spirit**, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Missions was effective in Acts because in the power of the Holy Spirit they preached the gospel, produced disciples and planted churches in obedience to the Great Commission despite severe persecution and personal sacrifice.