
Lesson 19: The Last Command of Jesus

BIG IDEA

Because Jesus now has authority, he tells his disciples to teach people from every nation about him and invite them to be his disciples too.

 **Matthew 28:16-20 (paraphrase)**

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 **Teacher Preparation****Read Scripture**

- Matthew 28:16-20 in your Bible
- Matthew 28:16-20 paraphrase (on page 2)

Read *Meet Jesus* Book

- Chapter 19 – The Last Command of Jesus

Print Resources

- APPENDIX 19.1 – Print one activity sheet for each student. There are 2 per page.
- APPENDIX 19.2 – Print the passage for each student. There are 4 per page.
- APPENDIX 19.3 – Print one table for each student. There are 2 per page.
- APPENDIX 1.5 - Reuse print from lesson one.

Other Equipment

- Whiteboard / table
- Whiteboard markers
- Plain paper for each pair / small group

Activate Prior Knowledge

Write, 'I doubt...' on the board.

Discuss its meaning.

Brainstorm and write on the board other ways of saying it e.g. I don't think... I'm not sure that... I'm not certain that...

Model a couple of sentences using these sentence tags.

Invite students to form sentences.

And / or

Pass the pad – write *People with Authority* on the board.

Discuss the meaning of authority, and give an example of two people with authority (refer back to lesson 10).

Give a **sheet of paper** to pairs/small groups.

Give them 1 minute to write the names of people who have authority on the sheet.

After ~1 minute, direct them to pass their sheet to the left.

Give groups another minute to add to the sheet they have been given.

Continue in this way until the sheets have been worked on by all groups.

Invite groups to share some names to the class.

Allow discussion if it arises.

Predict the Content

Say, 'This text is about the last words of Jesus on earth.'

'Ask, 'What do you think they might be?'

OWN HEART LANGUAGE

Depending on the level of your students, you might like to invite them to read the passage in their heart language.

Visit bible.com or biblegateway.com to find a number of international translations.



Read and Comprehend

Depending on the level of your students you might:

- Read the passage of scripture to them;
- Direct them to read the passage of scripture in English;
- Direct them to read the passage of scripture in their heart language; or
- Read the passage of scripture later in the lesson.



Activities

Activity 1: Fill the gap

APPENDIX 19.1 – Print one activity sheet for each student. There are 2 per page.

Give each student a copy of the gap-fill version of the text.

Teacher/helper reads complete text aloud. Students fill in gaps as they listen. Allow time for students to write. Read it twice if necessary.

Reread text aloud stopping at each gap and inviting students to say the word.

Activity 2: Find the word

APPENDIX 19.2 – Print the passage for each student. There are 4 per page.

Give out text and write the words, *told*, *arrived*, *saw*, *kneeled*, *worshipped*, *doubted* on the board.

Invite students to find and underline these words in the text.

Clarify word meanings as a class.

Activity 3: Understanding verbs

APPENDIX 19.3 – Print one table for each student.
There are 2 per page.

Invite the students to complete the tense activity sheet.
Invite students to find and underline these words in the text.

Invite Curiosity

APPENDIX 1.5 - Reuse print from lesson one.

Place the ? on the table and ask:

- Are there any new words?'
- What questions might someone have about this text?
- What comments might someone have about the text?

An Important Question

Ask, 'What does Jesus say about himself?'

Concluding Statement

Jesus says he has authority from God. He tells his disciples to teach people from every nation about him, and to invite others to follow him.

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