



# Divinely Empowered To Accomplish

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“Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:16-20).

The post-resurrection appointment arranged before His death was fulfilled to the letter. The disciples met Jesus at Galilee as He promised. Note these salient points from this text:

- 1) Divine promises and God given prophecies will always be fulfilled, despite the facts on the ground (vs 16). God not only knows, but also declares “... the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, **My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure**” (Isaiah 46:10). The various situations Jesus went through in life were just like the necessary scenes in the film of life - all leading to a pre-determined end. Nothing happened by accident. In the same way, God has planned our lives to a predicted end, if we continue to walk in His path. **All the situations you have ever encountered, or still encountering today are all necessary steps to your ultimate destiny, as you abide in Christ.** God said “... I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end” (Jeremiah 29:11). Be encouraged that “... all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). No matter the odds, it will all end with the fulfilment of God’s plan for your life, if you remain faithful to Him.
- 2) They worshiped Jesus, but some doubted (vs 17). If that statement ended at the worship, it would have been fantastic. The addition of the phrase “but some doubted” changed the scenario, and conveyed the meaning that some of those who worshipped were also doubting. The

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doubt would have neutralised the effectiveness of their worship, because Romans 14:23 warns that “... **he that doubteth is damned** if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: **for whatsoever is not of faith is sin**”. Doubt brings a divided heart that renders the action faulty. “**Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty...**” (Hosea 10:2). As Elijah challenged the Israelites “**How long halt ye between two opinions?** if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him...” (1 Kings 18:21); in the same way God is challenging all - How long will it take before doubters get the message and begin to doubt their doubts, and start trusting God?

- 3) All power is given to Jesus, and by proxy to all indwelt by Jesus (vs 18). **You have been empowered to accomplish your purpose!**
- 4) The empowerment is for a specific purpose of global service (vs 19,20). Power without purpose leads to corruption and abuse. You have probably heard the phrase “**Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely**”. Jesus directed His power to the accomplishment of His purpose in life and ministry on earth - “**to seek and to save that which is lost**” (Luke 19:10). In life He was fully committed to this, and avoided all distractions to accomplish it. After death / resurrection, He did not change His purpose. **The pain of suffering and the shame of crucifixion, did not damage nor dent His purpose nor dim its vision. The glory of His resurrection, newness of life and the prospect of imminent exaltation at the right hand of God could not make Him to forget His purpose for man.** Christ’s purpose is paramount for all believers today.
- 5) “**I am with you always...**” (vs 20). Believers of all ages have experienced the abiding presence and manifest power of God, and you too can, as you continue to obey and keep going.