



# READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

## QUESTIONS SKEPTICS MIGHT ASK ABOUT

# MATTHEW 28:16-20

### ANCHOR VERSE 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,"  
MATTHEW 28:19 (NIV)



| QUESTION                                                                                                                                                               | BIBLICAL ANSWER                                                                                                                                                                                           | SCRIPTURE                                                                                                                                      |
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| <br>1. How do you know Jesus actually rose from the dead?                             | The resurrection is the foundation of our faith. Jesus' body was seen by many eyewitnesses, His tomb was found empty, and the disciples were transformed into bold witnesses even at great personal cost. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Corinthians 15:3-8</li><li>• Matthew 28:1-10</li><li>• John 20:1-18</li><li>• Acts 4:18-20</li></ul> |
| <br>2. Matthew says some of them doubted. Doesn't that weaken the resurrection story? | Matthew honestly records both worship and doubt. Jesus does not demand blind belief—He invites honest encounters and provides evidence. Faith grows through relationship with the risen Christ.           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matthew 28:17</li><li>• John 20:27</li><li>• John 20:29</li></ul>                                      |
| <br>3. Why should I believe Jesus has "all authority"?                                | Jesus predicted His death and resurrection, and God vindicated Him by raising Him from the dead. Scripture presents Him as the promised Son of Man, given authority over all.                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matthew 28:18</li><li>• Romans 1:4</li><li>• Daniel 7:13-14</li></ul>                                  |
| <br>4. Isn't "go make disciples of all nations" religious imperialism?               | Jesus commands discipleship, not domination. The early Christians spread the gospel through love, service, and invitation—often without political power and while being persecuted.                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matthew 28:19</li><li>• 2 Corinthians 4:5</li><li>• 1 Peter 2:12</li></ul>                             |
| <br>5. Why would a loving God condemn someone who doesn't believe?                  | We are all sinful and separated from God, which deserves death. But God didn't send Jesus to condemn—He sent Him to save. We are offered forgiveness and eternal life through faith in Christ alone.      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Romans 3:23</li><li>• Romans 6:23</li><li>• John 3:16-17</li></ul>                                     |
| <br>6. What about someone who never hears about Jesus?                              | God is just and will judge righteously. Creation reveals Him, and He is not limited by human boundaries. We trust Him to do what is right—even when we don't have all the details.                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Romans 1:20</li><li>• Genesis 18:25</li><li>• John 14:6</li></ul>                                      |
| <br>7. Why baptism? Isn't believing enough?                                         | Baptism doesn't save us—Jesus does. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality: we identify with Christ in His death and resurrection and commit to following Him.                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matthew 28:19</li><li>• Ephesians 2:8-9</li><li>• Romans 6:4</li></ul>                                 |
| <br>8. Why Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Are you worshipping three gods?             | No. The Bible reveals one God who exists eternally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are distinct yet one—seen together in the baptism of Jesus and throughout Scripture.                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matthew 28:19</li><li>• Matthew 3:16-17</li><li>• 2 Corinthians 13:14</li></ul>                        |
| <br>9. If Jesus has all authority, why is the world such a disaster?                | Christ reigns now, but not all things are yet under His feet. History is moving toward His complete victory, and we live in the "already" and "not yet."                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Corinthians 15:25</li><li>• Hebrews 2:8</li><li>• Romans 8:18-21</li></ul>                           |
| <br>10. Jesus promised He would be with His followers. Why do Christians suffer?    | Jesus didn't promise a life free of trouble. He promised His presence through it all. He is with us—strengthening, comforting, and empowering us.                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matthew 28:20</li><li>• John 16:33</li><li>• 2 Corinthians 4:8-9</li></ul>                             |



### THE HEART OF THE ANSWER

We don't defend our faith to win arguments. We share the hope we have—pointing people to Jesus, the One who died, rose, and now sends us with His authority and presence.



### SPEAK WITH:

- Gentleness (1 Peter 3:15)
- Respect (1 Peter 3:15)
- Truth (John 14:6)
- Love (1 John 4:7-8)



### REMEMBER:

Always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 PETER 3:15 (NIV)

*Go. Make. Baptize. Teach.  
He is with us. ❤️*