

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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20



Disciple Makers

WHAT I KNEW!



Implementing this disciple making thing was going to be harder than it looks

The tree sermon was going to shake you to your roots

The going sermon was to push you to your limit.

We have made baptism way to complicated

THE PERFECT PLAY

He knew there was not a great debate
to be made over the word "Go"

He also knew "teach to obey" was a
lost cause

BAPTISM



WHO IS IN CHARGE?

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Matthew 28:18

This is Jesus' party not mine

Just before he handed out the commission, he reminded the disciples he is the authority

That means Jesus could have picked any or as many actions he desired!

WHO IS IN CHARGE?



Jesus could have picked any order he wanted

He could have put the teach them to obey before the baptize them

That way we could know if they were really understanding what it means to follow Jesus

If were really supposed to be this confusing, he absolutely could have added some more specific instructions, right?

BAPTISM FROM THE BEGINNING

It started with John the Baptizer (**Mark 1:4**)

Jesus picked up the mantle from there (**John 3:22**)

Peter brought it into the church from the beginning (**Acts 2:37-39**)

Paul offered the first written explanation of what it “meant” (**Romans 6:4**)

It was what was the only count that was important to the early church (**Acts 2:41**)





**You want to know when
Jesus said go, baptize
and teach, what does the
baptize part look like?**

Baptism
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LIVING WATER

**Whoever believes in me, as
Scripture has said, rivers of living
water will flow from within them."**

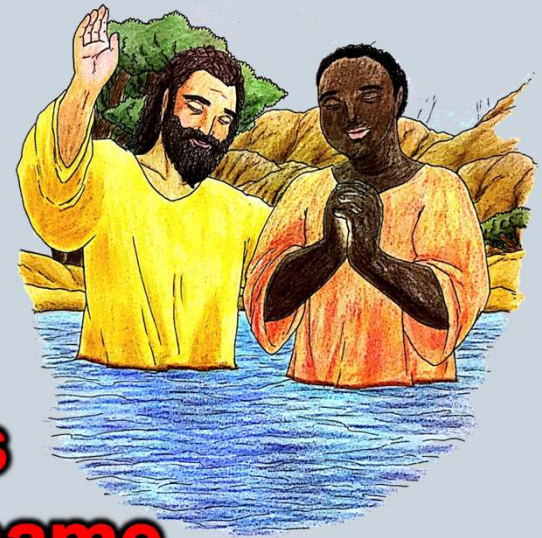


John 7:38

GO AND BAPTIZE

The story about the baptism of an Ethiopian Eunuch by a guy name Philip (Acts 8:26-39)

But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.



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GO AND BAPTIZE

**Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip,
“Go south to the road—the desert
road—that goes down from Jerusalem
to Gaza.”**

Acts 8:26

Philip was told to go

He was given a direction

**But the Angel did not tell him why, where
or who?**

HE MET A GUY

So, he started out, and on his way, he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way, home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet

Acts 8:27

**No hesitation, he seized his moment and ran -- Excited
(Acts 8:29-30)**

**Tell him about Jesus
(Acts 8:31-34)**

TELL HIM ABOUT JESUS

Philip began right where the man was

He turned the conversation to Jesus as quick as he could because it was all about Jesus

You don't have to have all the answer to all the questions, you just need to know what you believe about Jesus



HERE IS WATER

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”

Acts 8:36

Somewhere in telling the good news of Jesus the topic of baptism came up

“As they traveled along the road”, this was not a long-drawn-out conversation

HERE IS WATER

They did not spend the night debating

There would not have been time to go over a pile of “doctrine”

It obviously was not confusing because as soon as the man saw water, he says “let’s get wet!”



HE GOT BAPTIZED

**And he gave orders to stop the chariot.
Then both Philip and the eunuch went
down into the water and Philip baptized
him.**



Acts 8:38

BAPTISM CONNECTION

Confession (**Matthew 3:6**)

Belief or Acceptance (**Acts 18:8**)

Repentance (**Acts 13:24**)

Forgiveness (**Mark 1:4**)



Therefore, it seems that before I go dunking you in water, I have some responsibility in making sure you understand

BAPTISM CONNECTION

You are a sinner (Confess)

**Seeking a savior
(Believe Jesus is & Accept
Jesus as)**

**You are following a Lord
through act of repentance**

With a desire of receiving forgiveness



BAPTISM CONNECTION

**Philip did not feel
the need to keep
explaining, they
got into the water
and baptism just happened**



THE COOL ENDING

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 8:39

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow

1 Corinthians 3:6

WHAT IS STOPPING
You?

BAPTISM

