

NARRATOR:

The Ninth Lesson: The followers of Jesus are commissioned to make disciples of all

This passage from the end of the Gospel according to Matthew is about the risen Jesus commissioning the eleven Apostles to make disciples of all nations.

It has an important message for all of us, especially at Christmas: Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, remains with us, always.

So, as we continue the mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others, we can take comfort in the fact that Jesus is with us, and will *help* us in accomplishing His work.

Reader 9:

A reading from end of the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

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

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

“The Gospel of the Lord.”

Matthew 28:16-20

