

# New Year's Day Message

Gospel Vision

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*Matthew 28:16-20*

## 1. The One who defeated death has all authority

*Matthew 28:18, Philippians 2:9-11, Colossians 2:15-18, Matthew 16:16-18*

“in heaven and on earth”

- Jesus had authority in His teaching (*Matthew 7:29*)
- Jesus had authority over sickness (*Matthew 8:16-17*)
- Jesus had authority over nature (*Matthew 8:23-27*)
- Jesus had authority to raise the dead (*John 11*)
- Jesus had authority over Satan and his demons (*Matthew 4, 8:28-34*)
- Jesus had authority to raise Himself from death

## 2. The One with all authority sends us out in His name to make disciples

*Matthew 28:19, John 15:21, John 1:42, John 8:45, 1 Corinthians 1:21-23, 1 Corinthians 1:26-29*

The Gospel of the kingdom will have its effect. We are simply the delivery system God has chosen to use.

Do we believe the Gospel is the power of God for salvation?

Do we believe the Gospel is still relevant for today?

## 3. The One with all authority promises to be with us always

*Matthew 28:20, John 16:7-8, John 16:13-15, Luke 12:11-12, John 14:12*

“And behold, I am with you always”

Jesus is with His disciples always through the person and presence of the Holy Spirit

“Because I am going to the Father”

The multiplied impact of the gospel in the lives of believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to be bold witnesses

It's not about how gifted we are individually or how resourceful we are corporately. It's about the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit working through obedient people who have confidence in the message of the Gospel to accomplish all that God has intended.