**Series: Jesus Is**

**Today: Jesus Is With Us**

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***Matthew 28:19-20***

*19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

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1. **Jesus is with us because He is paying attention from above.**

***Hebrews 7:24-26***

*because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*

*26Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.*

***Hebrews 8:1-2***

*We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.*

***Hebrews 13:5-6***

*5Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”*

*6So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”*

1. **Jesus is with us in ministry to others.**

***Matthew 25:40***

*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

1. **Jesus is with us in the ministry of angels.**

***Hebrews 1:14***

*Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?*

1. **Jesus is with us through the Holy Scriptures.**

***Luke 21:33***

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*

***1 Peter 1:23-25***

*23For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25but the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.*

1. **Jesus is with us in the body of Christ – the church.**

***Matthew 18:20***

*For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”*

***2 Corinthians 5:5-7***

*5For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within. 6But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.*

1. **Jesus is with us through the Holy Spirit.**

***John 14:16-18***

*16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17the Spirit of truth… I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

***John 16:7***

*But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

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