

Jesus makes a promise.

Matthew 28:16-20

After Jesus died and came back to life, He spent time with His friends. One time, Jesus appeared in a room where all His friends were gathered. Another time Jesus cooked breakfast for His friends on the beach. Jesus told His friends more about why He died and came back to life again. He also told them about God's good plans for them and the whole world.

One day Jesus talked to His friends while they were on a hillside near the Sea of Galilee. "I want all the people in the world to know about Me and My love for them," Jesus said. "And I want you to teach people everywhere to obey what I taught

you about how to live. Baptize them and teach them how to be My followers." But Jesus' friends were just a few people. How could they tell all people in all the places in the world about Jesus?

Jesus didn't expect His friends to do this big job all by themselves! Jesus promised that He would be with His friends. Even though they wouldn't see Him, Jesus would always be with them. Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit to give them power to tell the good news about Him. Jesus' friends were glad to hear Jesus' promise! They knew Jesus would keep His promise to them.