

Can doubting  
disciples make  
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**Matt 28:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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**Matt 28:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[a]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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### What is a disciple?

The Greek term μαθητής (*mathētēs*) refers generally to any “student,” “pupil,” “apprentice,” or “adherent,” as opposed to a “teacher.” In the ancient world, however, it is most often associated, with people who were devoted followers of a great religious leader or teacher of philosophy.

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### Why do we struggle to make disciples?

- Doubt in all areas of life (v17)
- Doubting in God’s ability to use us
- Fear of Man

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### How did Jesus overcome doubt?

- Garden of Gethsemane (Matt 26:38-39)
- On the Cross (Matt 27:46)
- Through His death and resurrection

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What resources can we see flowing from the scripture to lead us?

- Authority (Rom 8:28)
- Community (v19)
- His Presence (v20)

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