

**The Gospel Goes Forth
Matthew 28:18–20 (LSB)**

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to keep all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

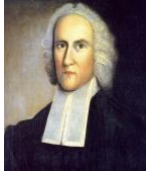
The Great Commission & Modern Missions



_____ (1604-1690)



_____ (1718-1747)



_____ (1703-1758)



_____ (1761-1834)



_____ (1788-1850)





_____ (1759-1836)

_____ (1781-1812)



_____ (1795-1853)



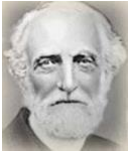
_____ (1805-1898)



_____ (1832-1905)



_____ (1860-1931)



_____ (1837-1911)



_____ (1837-1899)



_____ (1867-1951)



_____ (1902-1945)



(1927-1956)

William Carey (1761-1834)

- Known as the “father of modern missions”
- Helped found the _____
- Was deeply impacted by Jonathan Edwards’ Account of the Life of the Late Rev. David Brainerd
- Left for India in 1793
- In 1801, he became a professor of Bengali at the College of Fort William in Calcutta
- Established a printing press to make copies of the New Testament in Bengali
- In 1818, established a training school for pastors
- Died on June 9, 1834, having devoted his life to the advancement of the gospel in India

Adoniram Judson (1788-1850)

- Born in _____ just 12 years after the United States gained independence from Britain
- Married his wife, Ann, on February 5, 1812
- Set sail for India two weeks later
- Lost their financial backing few months after leaving
- Problems with their visas in India forced them to settle in Burma
- After 12 years of work, Judson and his fellow missionaries saw only 18 conversions
- Faced constant threats from illness, disease, and the government
- Suspected of being a spy, he was sent to a death prison where he was tortured and forced on a death march that nearly killed him.
- In all he spent 17 months in prison while his wife did everything she could to secure his release
- Shortly after his release, his wife Ann died

- From 1812-1850, Judson buried 24 of his relatives and close associates including several of his children
- He continued to pursue his goal of bringing the gospel to the Burmese people
- When he died:
 - He had completed the translation of the Bible
 - 100 churches had been planted
 - More than 8,000 Burmese people professed faith in the Lord Jesus
- Nearly 150 years after his death, in 1993, the head of the Myanmar Evangelical Fellowship stated,
 - “Today, there are 6 million Christians in Myanmar, and every one of us trace our spiritual heritage to one man - the Reverend Adoniram Judson.”

C. T. Studd (1860-1931)

- Born December 2, 1860 into a wealthy family
- Came to faith in Christ at age 16 through the influence of D. L. Moody
- Went to Cambridge where he became one of the most well-known cricket players in the world
- After leaving Cambridge he realized he did not want to pursue a career in athletics
- He left England to serve as a missionary in China under the oversight of Hudson Taylor
- He spent a decade in China spending much of his time working in an opium addiction rehabilitation center
- After returning to England for a few years, he moved his family to India and pastored a local church for 7 years
- Eventually he became convinced that God wanted him to bring the gospel to the interiors of Africa
- He reached the Belgian Congo in 1913
- Faced many difficulties including contracting a severe case of malaria

- On one occasion he awoke to discover a venomous snake had been sleeping by his side all night long
- Along with fellow missionaries, he helped establish a number of missionary stations in the heart of Africa at the age of 70
- Spent his entire adult life in missionary service:
 - 10 years in China ○ 7 Years in India ○ Roughly 20 years in Africa
- “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.” ~ C. T. Studd

Considering the Call

- Our hearts ought to be stirred by the examples of men and women who sacrificed earthly comfort for the sake of heavenly gain.
- The power behind this global movement was the Reformation
- The fruit of salvation is entirely a work of God
- Yet, He uses human instruments to accomplish His saving purposes (Romans 10:9-15)

“I plead this day for those who cannot plead for themselves, namely, the great outlying masses of the heathen world. Our existing pulpits are tolerably well-supplied, but we need men who will build new foundations. Who will do this? Are we, as a company of faithful men, clear in our consciences about the heathen? Millions have never heard the name of Jesus. Hundreds of millions have seen a missionary only once in their lives and know nothing of our King. Shall we let them perish?... The dangers incident to missions ought not to keep any true man back, even if they were very great, but they are now reduced to a minimum. There are hundreds of places where the cross of Christ is unknown, to which we can go without risk. Who will go?”

~ Charles Spurgeon