

Lo, I Am With You

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ONE OF THE greatest promises Jesus made was given to us just before He returned to His Father in heaven.

He had come to this world to show us what God is like. *Jn.14:9* He had lived a perfect life, without sin, and no guile was found in His mouth. *1Pet.2:22*

Jesus healed the sick, forgave sinners, cleansed lepers and did all kinds of miracles among the people while He ministered on earth. *Mat.9:35*

But finally, evil pontificates of religion accused Him before Pilate the Roman governor. *Mat.27:1-2* There He was condemned by the angry mob and Pilate turned Him over to the crowd to be crucified. *Mat.27:26-31*

They tied Him to a post, stripped His clothes from His back, then beat Him until blood poured from the wounds of the lash. Next, they took Him to the hilltop and nailed His hands and feet to a cross and hung Him there until He died. *vs.33-35*

Later, He was entombed in a sepulchre. *vs.59-60* But the third day, God raised His Son from the dead. *1Co.15:4*

He came forth from the tomb and made many appearances among His followers. *Ac.1:3*

After they were fully convinced that

He was alive again, *He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.* *Lu.24:50-51*

He commanded them: *Go to all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.* *Mk.16:15*

Then He gave them the astonishing promise I want to tell you about. This is what He said:

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. *Mt. 28:20*

What did He mean? Jesus meant that wherever men and women would go to announce the Good News of redemption through His death on the cross, He would be with them to confirm the facts of His gospel.

That is true right now. I am giving you the message of the gospel. The Lord is here to bless you and to confirm the gospel to you if you believe it. He is present to fulfill His Word.

The Bible says, *After He had spoken, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.* *Mk. 16:19*

Then notice what happened: *His disciples went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following.* *Mk.16:20*

He went *with them* in Spirit. They preached, but He did the miracles.

I was preaching about Christ in one of our large crusades. I told the people about this promise and I urged them to believe that Jesus was present. While I prayed for the sick, a man who had suffered three broken ribs in an accident, was in great pain, praying out amidst the multitude. Suddenly, he saw the Lord standing before him, clothed in a beautiful robe. Jesus smiled at him and put His hands on his ribs. A warmth went through his chest and he was perfectly healed. Jesus is alive today to confirm His promises to us.

In another country, there was an insane beggar in the crowd. As we prayed in Jesus' Name, suddenly the poor man saw the Lord who pointed His finger at the man and commanded the demons which had possessed him to leave him and not to return. Instantly the beggar's mind was restored and he was healed. He came and told the multitude of people how the Lord had appeared to him and had healed him.

Jesus promised, *Lo, I am with you always.* *Mat.28:20* I believe that. We have witnessed inexplicable miracles in over 80 nations. Jesus always fulfills His Word.

A blind man came to a stadium where we were preaching in another country. When he walked onto our crusade field, he saw a light brighter than the sun and he fell to the ground. Then Jesus appeared to the man in the light. Those around him thought he had experienced a heart attack. But after a few moments, he opened his eyes and began telling the people, "Oh, I can see! I can see! I saw a bright light! Jesus appeared in that light! He has opened my eyes! I can see! It is a miracle! I am healed!"

The Lord was present to confirm the gospel that we were preaching.

Hundreds of times, around the world, signs and wonders like that have occurred in people's lives where we have proclaimed the gospel and where they have believed it.

Right now, Jesus is present with *you* to fulfill His Word in *your* life. If you will only believe the promises of the gospel, the Lord will miraculously meet your needs today.

You may not see Him in a vision as others have, but the important thing is to *believe His Word*. That is faith!


He promised, *Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* *Mt. 28:20* He said, *This is the will of God who sent me, that everyone who believes on the Son, may have Everlasting Life.* *Jn.6:40*

My friend, put His words to the test. Trust Him now. He has all power. He has risen from the dead. There is nothing impossible for Him, if you will *only believe*. You can receive the miracle that you need today. He is present by your side. Have faith in God!

Some would tell us that the day of miracles is past, but that statement is false. The Bible says, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.* *He.13:8* He never changes!

He promised, *I am with you even unto the end of the world.* The end of the world has not come yet, so we can depend on Jesus Christ being present with us to fulfill His Word and to confirm His promise.

He says: *What ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive it, and you shall have it.* *Mk.11:24*

Accept Him, then. Ask and receive. Call upon Him. He will answer you. He is present now. May He bless you is my prayer! 

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