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**Teacher Notes**

Video Abstract (Author: Max7.org): This animation tells the story of Jesus' final words before his ascension into heaven, and gives a compelling summary of his ministry life. What Jesus did and said was surprising... He commissions his disciples to make disciples of all the nations. Are you ready to do what Jesus said to do? Suitable for all ages.

For the teacher's reference:

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Then he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:15-16, CSB)

Show the video.

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Give the student some time for discussion. While there are a few good approaches, one of the best is to use a concordance and search for an important term – for example, using an online concordance and search for "authority." Although it may take a little time to go through the search results, the student will discover John 17:1-3:

Jesus spoke these things, looked up to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, **since you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to everyone you have given him.** This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent - Jesus Christ. (John 17:1-3)

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Give the class some time to come up with their list and discuss the details of the commission:

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