

THE LAST WORDS JESUS SPOKE TO HIS FOLLOWERS

TEXT: Acts 1:8

TITLE: WHO ME?

INTRODUCTION

***Copernicus' Epitaph:** "I do not seek the kindness equal to that given to Paul. Nor do I ask the grace granted to Peter. But that forgiveness which Thou didst grant to the robber – that I earnestly crave."

"His studies and calculations revolutionized the thinking of mankind."

***Mr. G. J. Byrnell:** Choplin, English Regiment, Boer War:
Young fellow mortally wounded:

...Write my Mother tell her I died a Christian.

...Write my Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Fletcher. Tell her that I still remember her S. S. lessons from years ago.

...The teacher sent a reply immediately, "May God forgive me, I gave up teaching some years ago because it seemed all in vain."

I Cor. 15:58

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for so much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

T.S...God works through faithfulness. Each of us can give testimony to the reality of God's power working through some one who lead us to Jesus.

Steadfast: Fixed, Determined, purposed Faithful.

Unmovable: Unshaken, Undisturbed, Unyielding, stands on the solid rock of belief.

Always: Never stop, never slack up, never quit, never retire.

Labor: Working to the point of fatigue, to the point of collapse.

The Believer will be rewarded.....

A new life, a new body, a new home, EVERLASTING.

Acts 1:11

“Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

Who me? Yea, you!

BODY

I. THE BELIEVER'S POWER – THE HOLY SPIRIT

...Not a political kingdom but a Power from within.

***The Spirit and Power are Promised.**

II. THE BELIEVER'S TASK: WITNESSING

Acts 1:11

Now is not the time to be cloistered together.....

Yea, You! Go!

You: Believers.....

Unto Me: Christ is the Message

Each Believer: Go as far as you can; reach as many as you can and leave the results up to God.

III. THE BELIEVER'S METHOD:

Jerusalem: Bloom Where You're Planted

Sphere of Activity.....

CONCLUSION

Send Me – Not Spare Me

**These are the last words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
God, help us to heed them and DO THEM.**

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Jim Elliott (Wycliff Translators)

Auca Indians of Ecuador

**Last Journal Entry: The Lord makes His ministers a Flame
of Fire. Am I ignitable?**

**God, deliver me from the dread asbestos of other things.
Here Am I Send Me.**

**It is possible to be an excellent conveyor of information from
past experience, books, and from others. However, you will
not be a conveyor of passionate truth that builds character
and discipline until your own devotional life becomes your
source of information and truth.**