

An aerial photograph of water with a dramatic color gradient. The top of the image is a bright, hazy white and yellow, transitioning into a deep red and orange, and finally into a dark, deep blue at the bottom. The water's surface is textured with ripples and small waves, creating a sense of movement and depth. The overall mood is mysterious and ethereal.

“Baptism: Why the Strange Ritual?”

*Christian Baptism represents being washed
clean of sin and being reborn into a new life
following Jesus*

Baptism is identifying yourself as a Christian



“Following Jesus will make you better at life



“The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him.....

“Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.”

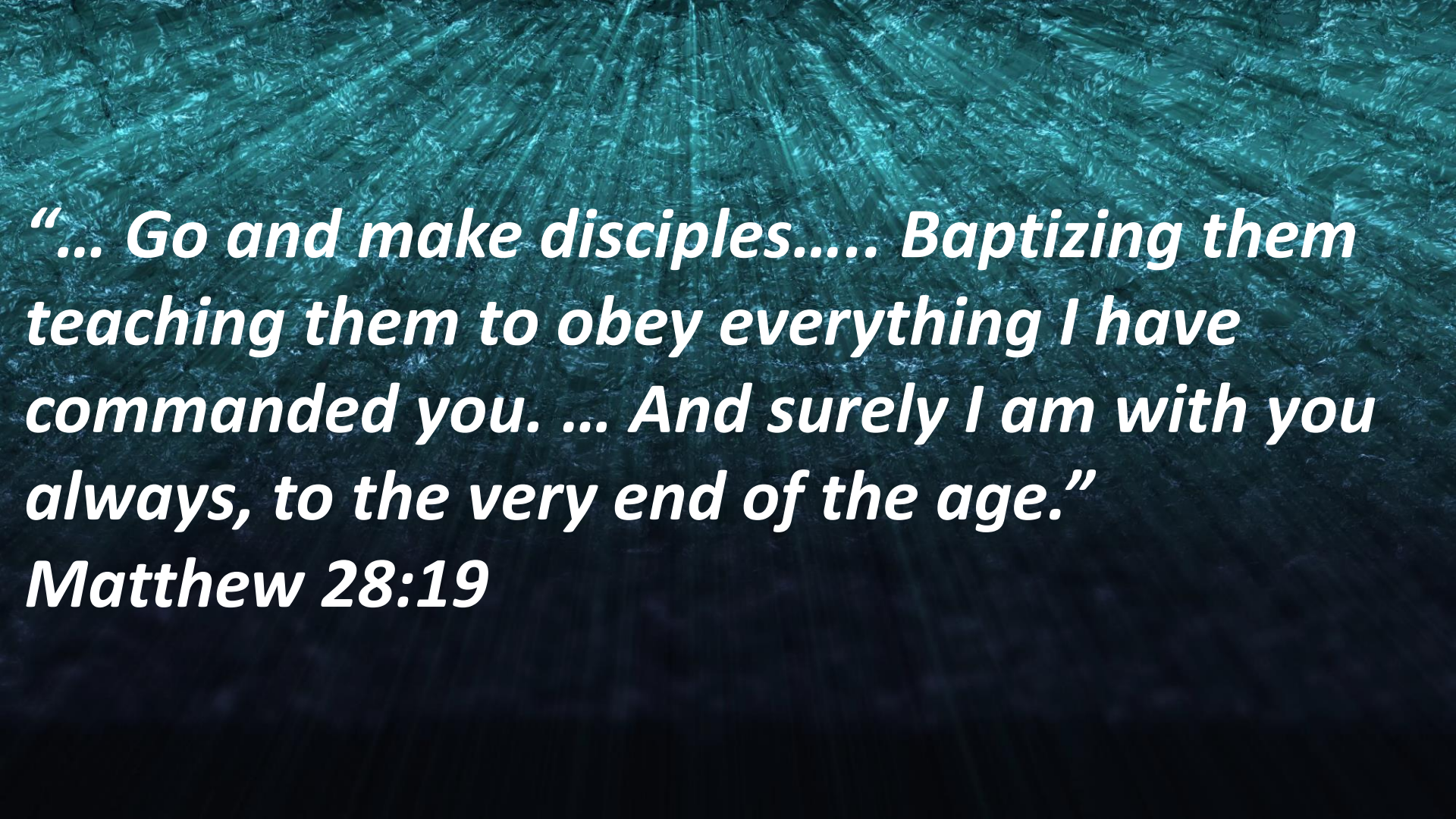
Mark 1:5



Baptism is a public declaration...

Baptism is a public declaration expressing a private decision...

Baptism is a public declaration expressing a private decision to follow Jesus



*“... Go and make disciples..... Baptizing them
teaching them to obey everything I have
commanded you. ... And surely I am with you
always, to the very end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:19