

Directed to return to Galilee where Jesus would meet up with them, the disciples followed again, not knowing what they would encounter. Galilee was where it all began and Galilee, it seems, would mark the new beginning.

I wonder what that journey was like ~ the ultimate road trip, filled with long conversations that focused upon making sense of the bind-boggling events that had transpired ~ wondering aloud what would happen next.

We all struggle at some time or another to comprehend the astonishing work of God in Christ.

Having reunited with Jesus in Galilee we are told they worship ~ and we're also told they doubt. Worship is not typically associated with doubt ~ in fact, many feel that even if they do doubt, they cannot admit it (now there's much to learn about doubt, but that is not for today ~ I just want to say here that there's nothing wrong with honest doubts as long as they drive us to God for the answers). But the text here does not so much focus on doubt as unbelief, so much as the difficulty of processing recent events ~ getting their heads around these unusual, even unbelievable circumstances. It's a good example where their understanding of the world and the way that God had previously worked in it did not match with what they saw before them.

There are 4 'alls' in this great commission ~ Jesus has all authority given to Him; we are to make disciples of all nations' we are to teach obedience in all that He commanded and the promise is that He will be with us always.