

Det bjerg

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Matthæus 28,16-20

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1. Bjerge dengang og i dag

Men de elleve disciple gik til Galilæa til det bjerg, hvor Jesus havde sat dem stævne.

"Det bjerg". Det var måske brevet i Galilæa, hvor han gav dem "bjergprædikenen". Det var tre år siden. Han gik op på bjerget, og de kom til ham. Og han sagde: "*Salige er de fattige i ånden. For Himmeriget er deres.*" Han havde trøstet dem, at de var salige, når de blev forfulgt. "*For Himmeriget er jeres!*" Matt 5,3 og 11. Jesus var hos dem. På bjerget havde han forklaret nogle af de 10 bud for dem. De så sig selv tydeligt og fik endnu mere brug for ham, for Guds tilgivelse og omsorg. Der på bjerget lærte han dem også at bede Fadervor. De lærte at bede bønnen sammen med hinanden i skjul og beskyttelse hos Gud.

Senere var nogle af dem med ham på bjerget, hvor han blev forvandlet og de så hans guddomsherlighed, hvor han var sammen med Moses og Elias, som var i evigheden og herligheden hos Gud.

Og nu igen – efter opstandelsen – satte han dem stævne på bjerget.

Nogen af os har måske også været på et bjerg og fået en stor oplevelse, som vi siden har talt om. Vi var hjemmefra. Vi så verden i et større perspektiv. Det var befriende. Stort. Verden er større end det min egen lille hverdag kan fortælle mig.

Gud tog os også med på et bjerg i en gudstjeneste eller på en sommerlejr, hvor vi hørte hans ord. Nu så vi ikke kun så vor egen lille verden. Vi var med på Bibelens bjerge:

* Ararats bjerg, hvor Noas Ark blev åbnet, hvorfra den frelste familie begyndte et nyt liv med håb.

* Og Morias bjerg, hvor Abraham skulle ofre Isak.

That mountain

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Matt. 28:16-20 NAU: 16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

1. Mountains then and today

But the eleven disciples went to Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had met them.

"That mountain". Maybe it was the mountain in Galilee where he gave them the Sermon of Mount. That was three years ago when came to Him. He went up the mountain, and they came to him. And he had said: "*Blessed are the poor in spirit. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*" He had comforted them that they were blessed even when they were persecuted. "*For the kingdom of heaven is yours!*" Matthew 5,3 and 11. Jesus was with them. On the mountain, he had explained some of the 10 commandments to them. They saw themselves clearly and needed him even more, God's forgiveness. God's care. There on that mountain, he also taught them to pray the Lord's Prayer. And to pray prayer with each other in God's hiding and protection.

Later, some of them were with him on the mountain, where he was transformed, and they saw his divine glory, where he was with Moses and Elijah, who were in eternity and glory with God.

And now again—after the resurrection—he met with them on the mountain.

Some of us may also have been on a mountain and had a great experience, which we have since shared with others. We were away from home. We saw the world in a larger perspective. It was liberating. Great. The world is bigger than what my own little everyday life can tell me.

God also took us to a mountain in a church service or during a summer camp, where we heard His Word. We saw much more than our own little world. We were on the mountains of the Bible:

* Mount Ararat, where Noah's Ark was opened, from where the saved family began a new life of hope.

* And Mount Moriah, where Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac.

* Vi var med på Zions bjerg, på Golgata i påsken. Jesus døde for os.

* Eller vi hørte de 10 bud på bjerget Sinai,

* Jesus tog os med ind i bjergprædikenen, så vi vidste hvad vi skal, og vidste at vi behøver en Frelser. Han gav også os "Fader vor, du som er i himlen!"

Det er så vigtigt for os at være på bjerget, hvor Jesus taler til os. Da ser vi livet på en helt anden måde. Bekymringer, sygdom, arbejdsløshed, skænderier, andres svigt og vore egne svigt kommer ind i et helt andet lys. For på det bjerg kommer Jesus til os. Han taler til os.

2. Situationen – deres og vores i verden

Deres situation var vanskelig.

* **De elleve gik til bjerget.** De havde været tolv. Nu var de elleve. Den, de manglede, havde forrådt Jesus og havde taget sit eget liv. - Sådan er der også triste ting i vore liv, når Jesus samler os på bjerget. Og vi må tage dem med op på bjerget – med ind i skjulet hos Gud – ind i bønner. Når vores situation er tung og vi tænker, at ingen kan hjælpe, da er hjælpen, at vi skal mødes med Jesus i Ordet, i Gudstjenesten, ved Nadverbordet og modtage Ham og tilgivelsen.

At de havde det svært, mærker vi også, når Matthæus fortæller: * **Og da de så ham, tilbad de ham, men nogle tvivlede.** Nogle gange er det let for os at tilbede Gud i glæde, når vi samles på gudstjenestens lille bjerg. Andre gange kommer vi med uro i hjertet og har svært ved det. Det truer med at holde os hjemme – så vi ikke er med på bjerget og sidder alene med uroen, nødråbet og tvivlen. Men evangeliet hjælper os. For Jesus kommer. Vi må og skal komme også tvivl, usikkerhed og nødråb.

* **Men også en tredje ting** gjorde det svært for disciple, og kan gøre det svært for os. Matthæus fortæller i versene forud, at et rygte havde bredt sig om apostlene og deres tro. *Ypperstepræsterne og de ældste havde besluttet at give soldaterne en større sum penge, og de sagde: «I skal sige: Hans disciple kom om natten og stjal ham, mens vi sov.» ... De tog imod pengene og gjorde, som de havde fået besked på. Og dette rygte er i omløb blandt jøderne den dag i dag. Matt. 28:12-15 –*

Der er også falske rygter i omløb i vor tid. * At Jesus ikke døde for vore synder, for Gud er kærlighed og straffer ingen. * Og at bibel-historien mest består af, som ikke er sande. Det kan gøre os triste. Og at vi – som apostlene – lyver, når vi prædiker om Jesus, fordi vi selv godt ved, at det

* We were on Mount Zion, on Calvary at Easter. Jesus died for us.

* Or we heard the 10 commandments on Mount Sinai,

* Jesus took us into the Sermon on the Mount so that we knew what we need and that we need a Savior. He also gave us "Our Father, you who art in heaven!"

It is so important for us to be on the mountain where Jesus speaks to us. Then we see life in a completely different way. Worries, illness, unemployment, quarrels, the failures of others, and our own failures come into a completely different light. For on that mountain Jesus comes to us. He speaks to us.

2. The situation – theirs and ours in the world

Their situation was difficult.

* **The eleven went to the mountain.** They had been twelve. Now there were eleven of them. The one they were missing had betrayed Jesus and had taken his own life. – In the same way there are also sad things in our lives when Jesus gathers us on the mountain. And we must take them up the mountain – into the hiding place with God – into prayer. When our situation is difficult and we think that no one can help, then the help is that we must meet with Jesus in the Word, in the Divine service, at the Lord's table receiving him and forgiveness.

That they had a hard time is also evident when Matthew says: * **And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted.** Sometimes it is easy for us to worship God in joy when we gather on the small mountain of worship. Other times we come with uneasiness in our hearts and find it difficult. It threatens to keep us at home and are left alone with the unrest, the cry for help and the doubt. But the gospel helps us. For Jesus is coming. We must and must also come with doubts, uncertainty and cries for help.

* **But also a third thing** made it difficult for disciples and can make it difficult for us. Matthew tells us in the preceding verses that a rumor had spread about the apostles and their faith. *The chief priests and elders had decided to give the soldiers a large sum of money, and they said, "You must say, His disciples came in the night and stole him while we were sleeping." ... They accepted the money and did as they were told. And this rumor is circulating among the Jews to this day. Matt 28:12-15 –*

There are also false rumors circulating today. * That Jesus did not die for our sins, for God is love and punishes no one. * And that the Bible story consists mostly of things that are not true. It can make us sad. And that we – like the apostles – lie when we preach about Jesus, because we ourselves know that it is not true.

ikke er sandt. Hvordan kunne de som apostle og fortælle om opstandelsen, når ledere i samfundet sagde, at det var løgn? Hvordan kan vi?

3. Situationen, deres og vor på bjerget

Men nu var de på bjerget. Og Jesus kom til dem. Det samme gælder os. Jesus kommer til os, og vi er sammen med ham. Nogle tilbeder. Andre er urolige og tvivler. Det er sådan en flok vi er. Og det er os, der kommer til gudstjeneste.

Vi skal ikke lade det vanskelige blive hjemme, men må tage det med. Jesus er jo vores frelser. Og en anden ting, vi heller ikke skal: Vi skal heller ikke selv blive hjemme. (Apostlen Thomas, som eksempel). For Jesus har sat os stævne i sin kirke. Ingen af os klarer det uden menigheden. Jesus har givet dette løfte til sin kirke: *"Hvor to eller tre er forsamlet i mit navn, der er jeg hos dem."* (Matt 18).

En kristen menighed holder fast ved apostlenes lære, fællesskabet, brødsbrydelsen og bønnerne. Den gør det for dig. Og når du er med, er du også med til at hjælpe de andre til at holde fast og klynge sig til Evangeliet og Sakramenterne og Fællesskabet og Bønnerne. Her taler Jesus til os gennem apostlenes ord, som læses op, så vi hører ordet, og det udlægges og prædikes ind i vores usikkerhed, anfægtelse og skyld og skam. Sådan er jo apostlenes lære. Og det stammer fra, hvad Jesus gjorde på bjerget:

4. Jesus deler to store ting til os

"Mig er givet al magt i himlen og på jorden." Og: *Og se, jeg er med jer alle dage indtil verdens ende."*

Disse ord overvandt deres tvivl, uro og utryghed. Også de falske rygter om deres tro, og at de var bedragere, overvandt Jesus. De behøvede ikke at finde på gode argumenter, at Jesus var opstået. For han var jo hos dem. Alt det befriede Jesus dem fra med sine ord.

Jesus havde med sin opstandelse fået givet magt over alle mennesker. Han havde virkelig båret deres synder og var død i deres sted på korset. Og han var opstået. Havde fået magten ved sin korsdød og opstandelse. Magten blev givet ham på grund af hans kærlighed og offer. Og den har han i dag. Magten over de mennesker, som taler ondt om dig og din tro. Magt over de mennesker, som vil forsøge at få dig til at holde op med at samles med andre kristne omkring Evangeliet og Sakramenterne.

How could the 11 apostles tell about Jesus' resurrection when leaders in society said it was a lie? How can we?

3. The situation, theirs and ours on the mountain

But now they were on the mountain. And Jesus came to them. The same applies to us. Jesus comes to us, and we are with Him. Some worship. Others are uneasy and doubtful. That's the kind of bunch we are. And we are the ones who come to the service.

We must not leave the difficult things at home, but must take them with us, that is come to church with our frustrations and sins. And another thing we shouldn't do either: We shouldn't ourselves stay at home. (The Apostle Thomas, as an example, John 20). For Jesus has set us to meet in His church. None of us can do it without the church. Jesus has made this promise to His Church: *"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am with them."* (Matthew 18).

A Christian congregation holds fast to the apostles' teachings, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers. It does it for you. And when you are involved, you are also helping the others to hold on and cling to the Gospel and the Sacraments and the Fellowship and the Prayers. Here Jesus speaks to us through the words of the apostles, which are read out for our hearing and expounded and preached into our uncertainty, challenge, guilt and shame. That is the teaching of the apostles. And it stems from what Jesus did on the mountain:

4. Jesus Shares Two Great Things for Us

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." And: *And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the world."*

These words overcame their doubts, uneasiness and insecurity. Jesus also overcame the false rumors about their faith and that they were deceivers. They didn't have to come up with good arguments that Jesus had risen. Because he was with them. Jesus delivered them from all this with his words.

With his resurrection, Jesus had been given power over all people. He had indeed borne their sins and had died in their place on the cross. And he had risen. Had gained power through his death on the cross and resurrection. Power was given to him because of his love and sacrifice. And he has it today. Power over the people who speak ill of you and your faith. Power over the people who will try to get you to stop gathering with other Christians around the Gospel and the Sacraments.

The other great gift is that He will be with us every day! In the sacraments, He is with us with a visible sign:

Den anden store gave er, at han vil være hos os alle dage! I sakramenterne er han hos os med et synligt tegn: Vandet i dåben. Og brødet og vinen i nadveren. Gud frelser os gennem vandet, ligesom han frelste Noah og hans familie i arken. Og brødet og vinen i nadverens sakramente er Jesu legeme og blod.

5. Her – under hans beskyttelse og i hans nærvær - han gav apostlene og giver os, som er hans kirke i dag, kaldet til mission

"Gå derfor hen og gør alle folkeslagene til mine disciple, idet I døber dem i Faderens og Sønnens og Helligåndens navn, og idet I lærer dem at holde alt det, som jeg har befaleet jer."

Sammen med nadveren ved Herrens bord gav Jesus apostlene dåben i Faderens og Sønnens og Helligåndens navn. Og han gav dem alt det, han havde lært dem. Det var deres missions-midler. De har givet det videre til os: Dåben og Apostlenes Lære. Dem skal vi leve af og bruge.

*** Dåben i Faderens og Sønnens og Helligåndens navn.** Dåbens ord ører os tilbage til Jesu egen dåb. Faderens sagde fra himlen: *Det er min elskede søn, i ham har jeg velbehag.* Sønnen, der blev døbt og forenet med syndere til at være deres Frelser, så dåbens vand kan rense os og frelse os. Og Helligånden kom ned over ham som en due. Sådan gives Helligånden til os i den kristne dåb. - Den dåb gav Jesus på bjerget til apostlene og sin kirke i dag, så de og vi skulle gøre alle folkeslag til hans disciple idet vi døber folkeslagene i Faderens og Sønnens og Helligåndens navn. Og det gjorde de. Og vi blev døbt. Og vi hører med til hans kirke og døber i Faderens og Sønnens og Helligåndens navn. Tilgivet, rensset, gjort til Guds kære børn, iklædt Kristus.

*** Og alt det, Jesus havde lært dem,** skulle de lære dem, som blev døbt. Derfor er en kristen menighed og vores gudstjeneste fyldt med Guds ord. Jesus fylder os. Han fylder os med Helligåndens ord, Bibelens ord, som giver os håb, tro og kærlighed. Det kommer til os, når vi hører alt det, han lærte apostlene. Det er stort.

Det gør han for os i dag på bjerget. Amen.

the water in baptism. And the bread and wine in the sacrament. God saves us through the water, just as He saved Noah and his family in the ark. And the bread and wine in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are the body and blood of Jesus.

5. And here - under his protection and in his fellowship - he gave the apostles and gives us, who are his church today, the call to mission

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Along with the sacrament at the Lord's table, Jesus gave the apostles baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And he gave them all that he had taught them. It was their missionary means. And through the apostles, he gave baptism and the teachings of the Apostles for us to live by and use.

*** Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.** The words in Baptism lead us back to Jesus' own baptism. The Father said from heaven, " *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*" The Son who was baptized and united with sinners to be their Savior, so that the water of baptism can cleanse us and save us. And the Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove. This is how the Holy Spirit is given to us in Christian baptism. - Jesus gave that baptism on the mountain to them, so that they should make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And they did. And we were baptized. And we belong to His Church and baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Forgiven, purified, made dear children of God, clothed with Christ.

*** And all that Jesus had taught them,** they were to teach those who were baptized. Therefore, a Christian congregation and our worship service are filled with God's Word. Jesus fills us. He fills us with the words of the Holy Spirit, the words of the Bible, which give us hope, faith, and love. It comes to us when we hear all that He taught the Apostles. It's huge.

He does that for us today on the mountain. Amen.