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JUST before Christ our Lord quitted this earth, to return to the bosom of His Father, He gave His followers their commission to preach His Gospel to the nations. He commanded them to teach men what He Himself had taught, that all does not end with this life, and that salvation was the one thing necessary. The great work of saving souls was to be theirs thenceforward. "Go ye into the whole world," said He, "and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be condemned." (Mark xvi. 15-16.) The version in Saint Matthew is equivalent. "All power is given to me in heaven and on earth. Going, therefore, teach ye all nations: baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (xviii, 19-20.)