The Joyous Wonder of the Trinity
Matthew 28:16-20
(black Bible page 835; Children's Bible page 1208)

About this short sermon series: Keep Christianity Weird.
Consider Google's definition of "weird," which begins with "suggesting something supernatural"! Yes indeed, let's keep Christianity *weird.*

But "weird" also highlights the underline counterculturalunderline aspect of faith in Christ in modern society. We're strange! But here too we say, let's keep Christianity weird.

How is God Himself "weird"? (= supernatural + strangely countercultural) For me, two things leap to mind:
God is *Holy.*

God is *Triune.*

Our passage is Matthew 28:16-20. The key phrase for us today: "baptizing them in the name [*one* name] of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit [*three* divine persons]"

Why focus on the triune nature of God? Why the Trinity? Isn't there something more *practical?*
Consider a romantic relationship and the role of knowledge…

Three truths about the Trinity:
1. *An Incredible Discovery:*
One might say God's triune nature was "discovered" in the first century A.D.!

2. *Overflowing with Life*

Consider *The Life Course* that we run here at New Life, where we talk about ten topics that nearly every American recognizes as important: Food, Communication, Dignity, Innocence/Shame/Guilt, Story, Rescue, Purpose, Growth, Community, Future.

Now where do you think we discuss the Trinity among these topics?

Highly recommended book: *Delighting in the Trinity,* by Michael Reeves
A wonderful insight from the book: God creates out of an abundance of life and love within the members of the Trinity, not a *lack.*

3. *Revealed on Mission*

Why was the Trinity "discovered" in the first century? Because God was *on mission* in Christ, saving us, and to understand this salvation God *revealed* his Triune nature to us.

Similarly, we reveal the Trinity to others when making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit! (Matt 28:16-20)

Final thoughts