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- The strength of their community
 - The power of the Holy Spirit
 - Their commitment to the mission

Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mark 12:29 (NIV)

29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

John 10:30 (NIV)

I and the Father are one

John 10:31-33 (NIV)

31 Again His Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone Him, 32 but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone Me?"

33 "We are not stoning You for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God."

Mark 2:5-11 (NIV)

5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,
7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 Immediately Jesus knew in His spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and He said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?”

10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. So He said to the man, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

26 Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, in Our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created mankind in His own image,

in the image of God He created them;

male and female He created them.

Genesis 3:22-23 (NIV)

22 And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of Us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." 23 So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Isaiah 48:16 (NIV)

“Come near me and listen to this:

“From the first announcement I have
not spoken in secret;

at the time it happens, I am there.”

And now the Sovereign Lord has
sent me,

endowed with His Spirit.

Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

Revelation 13:8 (NIV)

8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

1 Peter 1:18-21 (NIV)

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Romans 11:33-34 (NIV)

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable His judgments,
and His paths beyond tracing out!

34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been His counselor?"

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- They had strong community
 - They trusted in the power of the Holy Spirit
 - They were committed to the mission that Jesus had called them to