

Matthew 10

Jesus

I. Twelve Apostles Sent out Ones

1 And when [Jesus] had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

- **Jesus:** Received list of Apostles from the Father...

Luke 6: 12 [Jesus] went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose **twelve whom He also named apostles**

- Jesus calls off names when He comes down...

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called **Peter**, and **Andrew** his brother; **James** the son of Zebedee, and **John** his brother; 3 **Philip** and Bartholomew; **Thomas** and **Matthew** the tax collector; **James** the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was **Thaddaeus**; 4 **Simon** the Cananite, and **Judas** Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

- Probably not who we would choose...

1 Corinthians 1:26 [God calls...] not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that **no flesh should glory in His presence.**

- **Disciples** Learners
- **Apostles** Sent ones

...**Apostles** [sent ones] **began as disciples** [learners]

- **12 Apostles:** Two-fold Job qualification
 1. Able to perform Miracles
 2. Witnesses of Resurrection [Acts 1]
 - Judas will be fired
 - Mathias will fill in
 - **Paul take his rightful place among the 12...**

1 Corinthians 15:7 After [Peter saw resurrected Jesus] He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all **He was seen by me** also, as by **one born out of due time.**

- 12 will rule Israel in Millennial Kingdom...

Matthew 19:27 [Peter] "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" 28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on **twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

Ephesians 2:20 ... [Household of God] built on the **foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**

Revelation 21:14 ...the wall of the [New Jerusalem] had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the **twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

- Not just a rag-tag bunch of guys...hand-picked

John 17:6-19 Jesus Prayer to the Father for Apostles...

- You gave them to Me from the World/They have kept Your Word
- They believed You sent Me/They belong to the You
- They are both Mine and Yours/I am glorified in them
- I kept them in Your name while I was here/I pray you keep them when I leave
- I pray they would be One as we are One/I pray My joy may be fulfilled in them
- I gave them Your Word and thus the world hates them
- They are not of the world as I am not of the world
- I don't pray you take them out of the world but protect them from the devil

Sanctify them [set them apart] **by your Truth and Your Word**

- **After Jesus Ascension:** Apostles continue work of Jesus by Power of His Spirit
 1. Continue the Ministry of Jesus and...
 2. Continue in the Sufferings of Jesus...

Colossians 1:24 [Paul] I now **rejoice in my sufferings** for you, and fill up in my flesh what is **lacking in the afflictions of Christ,** for the sake of His body, which is the church

- **All 12** martyred except Apostle John
- **All 12** will die testifying of **Resurrection of Jesus**

**They will receive their Eternal Rewards
After a Journey that begins right here...**

5 These twelve **Jesus sent out** and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Apostles Extend/Expand Work of Jesus
Instructions: Don't go to the Gentiles or Samaritans...yet

- Jews given first opportunity to believe

Romans 1:16... [Gospel...] is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the **Jew first** and **also for the Greek.**

John 1:11 He came to **His own,** and His own did not receive Him...

- They will receive Anti-Christ

John 5:43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, **him you will receive.**

- Go to the lost sheep of Israel first...

7 And as you go, **preach**, saying, 'The **kingdom of heaven is at hand.**' 8 **Heal** the sick, **cleanse** the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.

Matthew 3:2 [J the B] "Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand!"

Matthew 4:17 ... [Jesus] "Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand."

Luke 10:9 'The **kingdom of God** has come near to you.'

When the King right in front of you...The Kingdom is at Hand

- **Exciting Times:** King sending out subjects...
 1. Teach/Preach/Heal/Cleanse
 2. Deliver from demons
 3. **Raise the dead**...interesting work for fisherman/tax collectors

8b... Freely you have received, freely give.

1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because **as He is, so are we in this world.**

Jesus Commission: Represent Me accurately to a dying world
Be instruments of My grace...

Matthew 9:36 [**When Jesus**] saw the multitudes, He was **moved with compassion**

- **12 Sent out by Jesus to save the lost...**

Matthew 10:6 [Go] to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

9 Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, **10** nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a **worker is worthy of his food.**

When God guides...God provides

- **Jesus sends 12:** Just take what's on your back

11 "Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who **in it is worthy**, and stay there till you go out. **12** And when you go into a household, greet it. **13** If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

In each city in Israel...Preach the Word!

- **Find Home-Base:** Someone who will receive you/message

- **Go from house to house:** Kingdom of God is here!!!

If the house is Worthy? Consider message brought as **having value...**

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| 1. Those who receive message | Worthy | Have peace w/God |
| 2. Those who deny message | Unworthy | Remain at war w/God |

14 And whoever **will not receive you nor hear your words**, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

- Kick dust: Shake o the residual effects of rejection...
- Don't argue/get mad/become discouraged...**move on**

Matthew 7:6 "Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be **more tolerable** for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of **judgment** than for that city!

- Greater the Light/Revelation the Greater the Accountability
 1. Old and New Testament
 2. Resurrection
 3. Deliverance/Healings
 4. Word of God preached

SUMMARY 12 Apostles. Ambassadors of the King.

Message: Repent, Kingdom of God is near! Receive the message and have peace with God; i.e. forgiveness, restoration, Love, Light and Eternal Life. Disregard the message and remain in eternal war with God in which He wins

- **Further instructions to the 12...**

II. Persecution

16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

As you pray for them... they will seek to prey on you ...therefore be wise

Luke 16:8b... sons of this world are more shrewd ... than the sons of light.

- **Q.** Why does the world seem shrewder than believers?
- **A.** They know how to use their resources and we don't. Money, power, connections

We have the greatest resource: The Spirit of God

- **Be wise:** Walk circumspect. Don't be stupid/Naïve. Know the dangers. Don't be people pleasers/compromisers. Remember My Word.
- **Be harmless:** Be approachable. Be humble. Be loving. Be kind. Be ready to serve. Be ready to see salvation/restoration. Be patient. Lit. Be simple; i.e. Innocent

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and **harmless**, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and

perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 **holding fast the word of life**

Don't be Spiritually Naïve...this is dangerous
Listen for/Listen to My voice. My Sheep hear My voice

- **Sheep on the offensive:** Be wise and harmless...

17 But **beware of men**, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. 18 You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and **to the Gentiles**. 19 But when they deliver you up, **do not worry** about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the **Spirit of your Father** who speaks in you.

- **Beware of men?** Don't get sideswiped....

John 2:24 ...Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

- **Beware of men**
 1. Deliver you to Jewish Council and scourge you
 2. Bring you to gentile Governors/Kings as traitors to the Rome
- God will use these opportunities to speak to rulers/kings

21 "Now **brother will deliver up brother to death**, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in this city, flee to another.

- **Persecution of believers will be great. Emotionally intense**
 1. Unbelieving family members turning in/turning on those who believe
 2. Believers will be hated for association with Jesus

This persecution did not happen to the 12 on this short mission

- It did happen to them/other believers in **70AD**
- It will happen again during Tribulation to those who believe

Jesus spoke these words from Matthew 10:17-22 at other times/different audience
Matthew to the 12 and in Mark only to His Inner Circle when they asked about future

Mark 13:3 [Read] Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" ... **8** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. **These are the beginnings of sorrows.** **9** "But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to

them... 13 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But **he who endures to the end shall be saved.**

- Dual Prophecy regarding intense persecution...

1. **Mark 13** Great Tribulation
2. **Matthew 10** Destruction of the Temple in 70AD

23b... For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the **cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.**

Jesus judgment did fall upon the cities of Israel in 70AD through Rome
...before the 12 finished going through all cities in Israel

24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!

- **They will call you evil...**

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

- **Today...**

1. Shameful to be anti-abortion
2. Virtuous for Canadian PM take part in perverted parade w/kids' shoulders

Jeremiah 6:15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, They shall be cast down," says the Lord.

- They will say **same nasty things** about you as they did Me

26 Therefore **do not fear them.** For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

- **Don't fear:** They will be held accountable

27 "**Whatever I tell you in the dark,** speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.

Isaiah 30:21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you ..."**This is the way, walk in it...**"

Jesus speaks clearly/precisely **but are we are really listening...**

Prayer: Lord, Shut down all voices except Yours

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather **fear Him who is able** to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Master Key to Victory: Don't fear man but Fear God

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

Proverbs 29:25 Fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

There is no cure for the fear of man like the fear of God. [Spurgeon]

- **Fearing God:** Being more concerned about what God thinks than man
...fear [God] who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell
- **Destroy** [Lit kill] **Soul/Body:** Deprive of spiritual life/procure eternal misery in hell

Luke 12:5 Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to **cast into hell**; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

- **Hell is eternal...that is why I'm sending you to save them**

Matthew 25:46 [Goats] into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- **Fear Me not them...**Listen to My voice not theirs. I love you

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very **hairs of your head are all numbered**. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

- Do not fear 3x
- **Listen to One who can/will show you mercy**
 1. Son of David have mercy on us
 2. If You are willing you can heal me. I am willing

Listen to the One who loves you: Cares about /Values every aspect of your life...

Psalm 139:17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand...

1 Peter 5:7 cast... all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But **whoever denies Me before men**, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Romans 10:9 ... if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

When persecution comes separation occurs/wheat from chaff

- **Fear of God** Empower you to confess Christ who will confess you to the Father
- **Fear of man** Cause you to deny Christ who in turn will deny you to the Father

Depart...I never knew you!

Who we fear must be settled in our minds/hearts right now

The saved individual fears God more than man

SUMMARY Coming Persecution

III. Division

Our Mission: Seek the heart of Jesus

34 "Do not think that I came to **bring peace on earth.**

The Result of My coming will be Division

34b... I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Word of God/Sword of Spirit: Divides believers from make-believers

▪ **Litmus Test:**

1. **Q.** Do you love any family member more than Jesus?
2. **A.** Yes? You are not worthy of Jesus because you have an idol [LDS]

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given...And His name will be called ... **Prince of Peace.**

Fact 1: Jesus 1st coming will not bring universal peace to the world

Fact 2: Jesus does desire peace...but not at any cost; e.g. making Him 2nd

Fact 3: **Jesus wants your entire family to be saved. Period.**

1 Timothy 2:3b... God our Savior **4...** desires **all men to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- Because Jesus desires all men saved...does not mean it will happen
- **Each individual must accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior...**

Acts 16:30 [Description not Prescription] [Jailer to Paul] "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **you will be saved, you and your household.**" 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately **he and all his family were baptized.**

- **Paul: If** you and your whole family believe...**then** you/family will be saved

Good News...When we love Jesus more than our family

We will love our family more than we ever thought we could because our priorities are correct

- Count the cost...

38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Only those who Follow Jesus to His death can follow Him in His Resurrection

The disciple lives in a paradox. He can only find life by losing it, and he can only live by dying. [Guzik] [Not to beauty/individually God created but to sin nature/self-will]

- **Jesus finishes instructions to the 12...**

40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

Hospitality/Service will be a sign they accept Me/worthy of a reward

Luke 9:6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

The Word of God: Men love darkness not light.
Making sheep out of wolves...

The world does not appreciate the Light being turned on. If we have a need to be liked...we will not endure. We must be both wise to the danger and approachable the seeker at the same time. We must love Jesus more than any man...listening for Him/Listening to Him/doing what He says. We must be empowered by His Spirit for victory in the mission; i.e. to see this presently hell-bound world saved/forgiven by the Grace of God...to see those now shouting curses to the sky begin to shout praises to the heavens...just like what happened to us. [NJC]

