



Disciples to Apostles

Matthew 10:1-4

Introduction: If you were going to change the _____ , how would you go about doing it?

I. The twelve disciples are _____ to Him - 10:1a

1a And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him,

Jesus called each one of the original twelve disciples. He said to them, “ _____ Me” (Matthew 4:19), and they left it all to follow Him. Jesus told them that he was going to make them become “*fishers of men*”. How?

The first question that every person must answer is this – **Has Jesus _____ you to follow Him?**

How will you _____ Jesus Christ? I believe that there are three ways in which people follow the Lord today:

Here is what Jesus said, *25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does*

not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. (Luke 14:25-27)

Matthew 10:1 is about the twelve disciples being called to come to Him – they are being summoned into His presence.

II. The twelve disciples are given spiritual _____ - 10:1b

1b He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

The word “*power*” can also be translated, “_____”. In the same way that we have seen the authority of Jesus Christ over sickness, disease, and even death (Matthew 8-9), so now he empowers His disciples.

In our text we see three areas where Jesus Christ gave authority to his disciples. They are:

Question: Do we as disciples have this same _____ ? Have you ever asked yourself why we don’t see this type of authority happening around us today here in the United States of America?

Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth - 2 Timothy 2:15

Do Christians today have the same _____ and authority over demons, sickness, and disease?

How is God at work today? You have got to hear this. He is at work through His _____ (His people).

Acts 1:8 – 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Disciples of Jesus Christ today have _____ to be witnesses.

The Bible tells us that...

- We are to be _____ by the Spirit.
- We are to be _____ with the Spirit.
- We are to _____ in the Spirit.

Romans 8:11 - “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

The Spirit quickened us to new life (Ephesians 2:1,5), and it is the Spirit that empowers us to share that life with others.

III. The twelve apostles are listed by _____ – 10:2-4

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.

I want you to notice in verse 2, that the “ _____ ” of verse 1 are now called “*apostles*”. There is a title change. The word “*disciple*” means “pupil, student, or learner”, whereas the word “*apostle*” means “ _____ ”.

Insights into the Twelve Apostles

1. Simon – who is called _____
2. Andrew – His (_____) brother.
3. James – the son of _____ .
4. John – _____ brother, also the son of Zebedee.
5. Philip – lead _____ to Jesus.
6. Bartholomew – also called _____ .
7. Thomas – called a _____ .
8. Matthew – the _____ collector (also called Levi).
9. James – the son of _____ .
10. Lebbaeus – whose surname was _____ .
11. Simon – the _____ .
12. Judas Iscariot – the _____ .

Conclusion: What are the take home truths from these first four verses? They are:

1. You can't be a _____ without a call from Jesus Christ.
2. Be quick to come into Jesus' _____. Receive your marching orders from Him.
3. Today Scripture tells us how to do _____ .
4. You and I have the _____ of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.
5. Disciple means " _____ ", and Apostle means " _____ " .
6. God uses the _____ of his followers – every apostle was different from the others.
7. Choose a _____ trait that you would like to emulate from the apostles?
8. What is one negative character _____ you would like to avoid from the apostles?