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Matthew 8:11

“Many will come from east and west and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven...”



2. Pursue sinners and sufferers (10:6)

⁶“...but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”



Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way...



Jeremiah 50:6

My people have been lost sheep.
Their shepherds have led them astray...



Ezekiel 34:23–24

²³ “And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them.”



John 10:16

“And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”



Luke 15:1–7

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred **sheep**, if he has **lost one** of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and **go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?** ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”



3. Give out the good news (10:6)

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Matthew 3:2 — “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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One of the indictments of Israel’s former “shepherds” was that they had not “healed the sick, bandaged the injured, brought back the strays, or sought the lost” (Ezek 34:4). Now in an extension of the ministry of the Davidic Shepherd, Jesus’s disciples were empowered to heal the sick among the lost sheep of Israel.

— Chuck Quarles

<p style="text-align: center;">JESUS in Matthew 8–9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">APOSTLES in Matthew 10:8</p>
<p>a centurion’s servant (8:5–13) Peter’s mother-in-law (8:14–15) all who were sick (8:16) the paralytic (9:1–8) the bleeding woman (9:20–22) two blind men (9:27–31)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“heal the sick”</p>
<p>Jairus’ daughter (9:18-19, 23-26)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“raise the dead”</p>
<p>leper (8:1–4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“cleanse lepers”</p>
<p>cast out the spirits (8:16) Gadarene demoniacs (8:28–34) demon-oppressed mute man (9:32–34)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“cast out demons”</p>



2 Corinthians 12:12

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.



4. Trust God and travel light (10:9–10)

⁹“Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.”



Deuteronomy 8:4

“Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years.”



Jesus' Words as "Scripture"

1 Timothy 5:17–18

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

¹⁸ For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain” [Deuteronomy 25:4] and, “The laborer deserves his wages” [Matthew 10:10].



⁴ Let every apostle who comes to you be received as the Lord.
⁵ But he shall not remain more than one day. But, if necessary, let him remain a second day. But, if he stays for three, he is a false prophet. ⁶ And when the apostle departs, let him take only enough bread to last until he reaches shelter; but, if he asks for money, he is a false prophet.

— *Didache* 11.4–6



5. Look for the open door (10:11–13)

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Luke 10:5

“Whatever house you enter, first say,
‘Peace be to this house!’”



1 Samuel 25:5–6

⁵ So David sent ten young men. And David said to the young men, “Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal and greet him in my name. ⁶ And thus you shall greet him: ‘Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.’”



Matthew 10:40

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”



2 Samuel 6:10–11

¹⁰ David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹ And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.



Luke 10:7

“And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide... Do not go from house to house.”



6. Fear God, not people (10:14–15)

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Genesis 13:13

Now the men of Sodom were wicked,
great sinners against the LORD.



Isaiah 3:9

Isaiah 3:9: ...they proclaim their sin like
Sodom;
they do not hide it...



Ezekiel 16:49–50

⁴⁹ Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. ⁵⁰ They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.



Jude 7

...just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.



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