

Matthew 10 The commissioning of the 12 apostles.

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1 And when He had called (summoned) His twelve disciples to Him,

- He called or summoned them as one with authority. He was their king and their master.
- When we are called by God, it is a call from a king to a servant, a master to a slave, a creator to the creature, a shepherd to His sheep.
- It is a summoning with great authority that must be responded to with great humility and trust. ***John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:***

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

- Jesus summoned His 12 disciples thus officially making them His apostles. Most believe that this apostleship title was reserved for only the twelve who had seen Jesus physically and had been sent out by Him directly. Paul was also an apostle because He personally met Jesus who sent Him on a mission.
- He gave them His powers so that the people would see and believe that the Jewish Messiah had sent them. No body in history had imparted the same powers to another like Jesus did. Not even Moses or Elijah.
- He wanted them to carry on with His mission of compassion that He tried to associate with His messiah-ship.
- When God calls us, He equips us first with His word (the sermon on the mount)
- He empowers us to do His will. (The power to cast out demons and heal)
- We go with His authority and great power.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter,

- he was mentioned first always because he was considered the first among equals and the leading apostle to the Jews

And Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector

- how he humbly referred to himself;

James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Canaanite

- "Cananaean" is the Aramaic form of "Zealot" and does not refer to the land of Canaan. the zealot, political party or sect against the Roman government,

And Judas Iscariot

- "Iscariot" may mean "of Kerioth," the name of two Palestinian villages, or "The dyer," his possible occupation. Some scholars believe that it meant "the false one", ***who also betrayed Him.***

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.

- Stick to the path I have specifically set you on. Your mission right now is to the Jews first.
- God always give clear instructions.
- Sometimes God's instructions may not make sense at first. But He always has a bigger plan in mind.
- Some believe that Jesus sent them specifically to the Jews because He wasn't ready to deal with more opposition from Samaritans and gentiles yet.

6 "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

- But go first to the Jews. The poorest of them all, spiritually, as some believed. To the most stubborn of them all.
- Jesus was the Jewish Messiah. He was also the King of the Jews.

7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

- Your time is short. God has been patient with you for so long. The millennial kingdom is at hand. Forget the old Jerusalem that is about to be destroyed and focus on entering the new one.

8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.

- I give you My power and authority to do as I have done. Go out and show my compassion. You are now my apostles.

Freely you have received, freely give.

- I have blessed you at no cost therefore go and bless others.

9 "Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts,

- All your needs will be provided for.

10 "nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs;

- Don't trouble yourselves too much with material possessions and baggage. Carry only what you really need. Leave your worldly cares behind.

For a worker is worthy of his food.

18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The labourer is worthy of his wages."

- Some say that as a general principle, those who minister spiritual things have a right to expect physical recompense in return (***Deuteronomy 25:4; 1 Corinthians 9:4-18; 1 Timothy 5:17-18 1 Timothy 5:17 let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in the word and doctrine.***

- For whatever you need for your sustenance will be put before you.

11 "Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out.

- Who is a civil and agreeable person or potential host? Who is not a swine nor a dog? Or who is willing to listen to the gospel.

12 "And when you go into a household, greet it.

- Be courteous, polite, well-mannered and agreeable. Introduce yourself, your mission, who sent you.

13 "If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

- Your peace and blessing that comes from Jesus, the one who sent you.

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.

- And whichever Jew will reject the word have nothing else to do them.

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!

- It will be worse for a Jewish town to reject their Messiah than for a Gentile one.

Conclusion

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- **John 14:12 ¶ "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. John 14:13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**
- **John 14:14 "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. 15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**
- **Matthew 28:20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.**
- **"Acts 18:9 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."**
- **Colossians 2:5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.**