

Matthew 10 - Seriously

▼ Intro/Review

- The mission of a rabbi was to become a living example of what it means to apply God's word to one's life.
- The task of a disciple was to become as much like the rabbi as possible.

▼ Couple of thoughts

- Not a very uplifting chapter but very much needed because it is part of the deal.
- Much of it is self-explanatory. Going to focus on context of application.
- Little to no 1-1 application, mostly principle, context.
- If nothing else, the point being made is that following Jesus needs to be taken seriously. It's a matter of life or death.

▼ 10:1-4

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- Difference between the 12 and all disciples
- Where they did not have the authority before, they do now.
- The question becomes, do we, by default, as His Disciples, have the same authority? Always question the question.
- Before we dig into that, let's look at those Jesus chose.

▼ 10:2-4

- Cliques, enemies, no Bible students. No cookie cutter. God doesn't call holy people, He calls people to be holy. Set apart from something, to something.
- My "hang test". Even if we don't agree, can we hang out?
- Need ppl who are stronger than you are/I am. Difficult, pride. A body.

▼ 10:5-15 Apply specifically to the 12

▼ 10:5-6 Where to go

▼ 10:5a Back to the question of the question. Is this kind of authority automatic?

▼ I'm going to say, it depends. On what? Sent vs. went.

- Some are sent, some just went. Some who are sent, don't went.
- Sent + went = obedience. Those who are sent have the authority.
- How does sent and authority work? Sometimes in advance like here, or Acts 13. Other times immediate like Acts 3.

▼ 10:5b-6

- Again, specific to the 12. Why? Promise to Jews and through Jews.
- Odd phrase. Lost, yet sheep. Still His sheep, lost their way. Jesus came to shepherd them. Still does.

- 10:7 What to say. The kingdom is past, present, and future.

- ▼ 10:8-10 What to do

- 10:8 Signs associated with Messiah

- 10:9-10 Don't do it for the money, don't take what you don't need.

- ▼ 10:11-15 Acceptance and rejection not up to you.

- Hospitality in their culture and today

- Shaking the dust off a cultural sign of "closure"

- Jesus sound harsh? Consider what they are rejecting; Jesus.

- ▼ 10:16-25

- Reiterate context of this directed at the 12, yet if we are sent in the same way we should expect the same results, for better or for worse.

- 10:16 Animals are what they are.

- 10:19-20 Abuse of this verse by "preachers"

- 10:22 Like saying if you make it to the end of the race, then you finished. 2

- Timothy 4:7.

- 10:24-25 If you are doing it right, they will treat you the same way they treated the one who sent you. Nice!

- ▼ 10:26-33

- 10:26 Nice transition!

- 10:28 Who would that be?

- 10:32-33 Seriously. What if someone's life is in danger? That's when it matters most because it already cost a life! Happening today.

- 10:34-39 Count the cost!

- 10:40-42 Receive it forward

- ▼ Wrap

- In our pluralistic, relativistic culture, this goes against the grain. "Believe whatever you want, just don't take it seriously."

- ▼ In our watered down, "safe for the whole family" Christian sub-culture, this goes against the grain. (Same quote).

- Episcopal Bishop John Spong: "... in time the virgin birth account will join Adam and Eve and the story of the cosmic ascension as clearly recognized mythical elements in our faith tradition whose purpose was not to describe a literal event . . ."

- Pastor Harry Emerson Fosdick (NYC) "I do not believe in the Virgin Birth and hope that none of you do."

- How do you take Jesus? Seriously. It is a matter of life or death.