

REDISCOVERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 18: MATTHEW 18:9:36-38; 10:1-31

## **QUICK REVIEW**

LAST THREE WEEKS: POWER AND AUTHORITY OF JESUS DISPLAYED

IS IT GOD'S WILL TO HEAL EVERYONE?

LAST WEEK: THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

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## LAST WEEK

# THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP



## **TONIGHT**

## SENDING OUT THE TWELVE

ON YOUR CARD, WRITE DOWN THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES.

WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS, HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE HARASSED AND HELPLESS, LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.

THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THEREFORE TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD."

HE CALLED HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES TO HIM AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT EVIL SPIRITS AND TO HEAL EVERY DISEASE AND SICKNESS.

THESE ARE THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES:
FIRST, <sup>(1)</sup> SIMON (WHO IS CALLED PETER) AND HIS BROTHER
<sup>(2)</sup>ANDREW; <sup>(3)</sup>JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE, AND HIS BROTHER <sup>(4)</sup>JOHN;
<sup>(5)</sup>PHILIP AND <sup>(6)</sup>BARTHOLOMEW; <sup>(7)</sup>THOMAS AND <sup>(8)</sup>MATTHEW THE
TAX COLLECTOR; <sup>(9)</sup>JAMES SON OF ALPHAEUS, AND <sup>(10)</sup>THADDAEUS;
<sup>(11)</sup>SIMON THE ZEALOT AND <sup>(12)</sup>JUDAS ISCARIOT,
WHO BETRAYED HIM.

THESE TWELVE JESUS SENT OUT WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: "DO NOT GO AMONG THE GENTILES OR ENTER ANY TOWN OF THE SAMARITANS. GO RATHER TO THE LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL. AS YOU GO, PREACH THIS MESSAGE:

'THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR.'

HEAL THE SICK, RAISE THE DEAD, CLEANSE THOSE WHO HAVE LEPROSY, DRIVE OUT DEMONS. FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE. DO NOT TAKE ALONG ANY GOLD OR SILVER OR COPPER IN YOUR BELTS; TAKE NO BAG FOR THE JOURNEY, OR EXTRA TUNIC, OR SANDALS OR A STAFF; FOR THE WORKER IS WORTH HIS KEEP.

THE ELDERS WHO DIRECT THE AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH WELL ARE WORTHY OF DOUBLE HONOR, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE WORK IS PREACHING AND TEACHING. FOR THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "DO NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE IT IS TREADING OUT THE GRAIN," AND "THE WORKER DESERVES HIS WAGES."

-1 TIMOTHY 5:17-18

WAS IT A SIN FOR ME TO LOWER MYSELF IN ORDER TO ELEVATE YOU BY PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF GOD TO YOU FREE OF CHARGE? I ROBBED OTHER CHURCHES BY RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM THEM SO AS TO SERVE YOU. AND WHEN I WAS WITH YOU AND NEEDED SOMETHING, I WAS NOT A BURDEN TO ANYONE, FOR THE BROTHERS WHO CAME FROM MACEDONIA SUPPLIED WHAT I NEEDED.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-8A

"DON'T WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO FOOD AND DRINK? ... WHO SERVES AS A SOLDIER AT HIS OWN EXPENSE? WHO PLANTS A VINEYARD AND DOES NOT EAT OF ITS GRAPES? ... IF WE HAVE SOWN SPIRITUAL SEED AMONG YOU, IS IT TOO MUCH IF WE REAP A MATERIAL HARVEST FROM YOU? IF OTHERS HAVE THIS RIGHT OF SUPPORT FROM YOU, SHOULDN'T WE HAVE IT ALL THE MORE.

BUT WE DID NOT USE THIS RIGHT. ON THE CONTRARY, WE PUT UP WITH ANYTHING RATHER THAN HINDER THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 9: 4, 7A, 11-12

SUPPORTED	BI-VOCATIONAL
FULL-TIME ATTENTION ON MINISTRY	DIVIDED ATTENTION
DEPENDENT ON SUPPORT (COMPROMISE / WORRY)	FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT (FREEDOM / PRIDE)
DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE BODY	OFTEN LACKING ACCOUNTABILITY
OFTEN INSULATED FROM THE WORLD	SPENDS MORE TIME DIRECTLY IN THE WORLD

"Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."

BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST MEN; THEY WILL HAND YOU OVER TO THE LOCAL COUNCILS AND FLOG YOU IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES. ON MY ACCOUNT YOU WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE GOVERNORS AND KINGS AS WITNESSES TO THEM AND TO THE GENTILES. BUT WHEN THEY ARREST YOU, DO NOT WORRY ABOUT WHAT TO SAY OR HOW TO SAY IT. AT THAT TIME YOU WILL BE GIVEN WHAT TO SAY, FOR IT WILL NOT BE YOU SPEAKING, BUT THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER SPEAKING THROUGH YOU.

BROTHER WILL BETRAY BROTHER TO DEATH, AND A FATHER HIS CHILD; CHILDREN WILL REBEL AGAINST THEIR PARENTS AND HAVE THEM PUT TO DEATH. ALL MEN WILL HATE YOU BECAUSE OF ME, BUT HE WHO STANDS FIRM TO THE END WILL BE SAVED.
WHEN YOU ARE PERSECUTED IN ONE PLACE, FLEE TO ANOTHER. I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, YOU WILL NOT FINISH GOING THROUGH THE CITIES OF ISRAEL BEFORE THE SON OF MAN COMES.

A STUDENT IS NOT ABOVE HIS TEACHER, NOR A SERVANT ABOVE HIS MASTER. IT IS ENOUGH FOR THE STUDENT TO BE LIKE HIS TEACHER, AND THE SERVANT LIKE HIS MASTER. IF THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE HAS BEEN CALLED BEELZEBUB, HOW MUCH MORE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD!

SO DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEM. THERE IS NOTHING CONCEALED THAT WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED, OR HIDDEN THAT WILL NOT BE MADE KNOWN. WHAT I TELL YOU IN THE DARK, SPEAK IN THE DAYLIGHT; WHAT IS WHISPERED IN YOUR EAR, PROCLAIM FROM THE ROOFS. DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY BUT CANNOT KILL THE SOUL. RATHER, BE AFRAID OF THE ONE WHO CAN DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL. ARE NOT TWO SPARROWS SOLD FOR A PENNY? YET NOT ONE OF THEM WILL FALL TO THE GROUND APART FROM THE WILL OF YOUR FATHER. AND EVEN THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED. SO DON'T BE AFRAID; YOU ARE WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS.

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