

The Gospel of Matthew

"The Mission of the Twelve"
Matthew 10:1-15

Matthew 10:1-5

And having summoned His twelve disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

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Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-gatherer; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

Simon the zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying...

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The Twelve Apostles

- Peter & Andrew; James & John
- Philip & Bartholomew; Thomas & Matthew
- James & Thaddaeus; Simon & Judas

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Points of Discontinuity

1. Authority of the Apostles

- the unique authority to heal and cast out demons in the same manner as Jesus

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2. Scope of the Mission

- not to Gentiles areas, but only to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel"

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3. Conditions of the Mission

- forbidden to make any financial/material provisions for this mission

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Points of Continuity

1. Nature of the Mission

- by the authority and commission of Jesus, we extend the saving reign of God
- we have the same message – *“the kingdom of heaven has come near”*

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2. Motivation for the Mission

- not for personal financial gain but from an overflow of grace received
- those who “freely receive” will respond in generous, tangible ways

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3. Effects of the Mission

- a transformed people – deliverance from sin and peace with God
- an increasingly guilty people exposed to the just wrath of God

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Conclusion

- Jesus insists that one’s eternal destiny turns on relationship to Him received through the message of His emissaries