

Matthew 10 - Study Notes

11/16/22

10:1- 4 Naming the Apostles

- What is a disciple?
- What is an apostle?
- What did Jesus give the disciples?

12 Apostles were...

Simon (Peter)

Andrew (peter's brother)

James (son of Zebedee, Mark 3 says Jesus named the James/John Sons of Thunder)

John (James' brother, also son of Zebedee)

Philip

Bartholomew

Thomas

Matthew (tax collector)

James (son of Alphaeus)

Thaddaeus (Luke names Judas son of James...might be the same person)

Simon (zealot)

Judas Iscariot (betrayer)

4 parties of Jews: pharisees, sadducees, essenes and zealots

They were ordinary men and they were an extraordinary mixture of men. They were chosen, called and appointed by Jesus to be ambassadors of the new king and its kingdom.

10:5-15 Sending the Apostles

Instructions - Greek word *paragellein* has 4 usages: a military command, used for calling one's friends to one's help, teacher giving rules and principles to students, and a word regularly used for an imperial command- king dispatching ambassadors.

Disciples were told NOT to go to the Gentiles or Samaritans. Why?

-v6 Who was their target audience?

-v7-8 What were they to say and what were they to do?

-v9-10 They were not to carry things with them but they could accept _____

V11-15 - practical advice for entering and exiting a town

- Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:16-19:29) - Why more bearable for them?

10:16- 25 Warnings of Future Sufferings

Jesus prepares them for the opposition that will surely come, as sheep among wolves.

- What do you think it means to be "as shrewd as snakes, and as innocent as doves? What happens when we lean too far in one way?
- v20 Good news of the Spirit of God speaking through them... They had yet to meet the Spirit in its full glory
- v23 What were they told to do if persecuted in one town?
- v24-25 He explains the posture the disciples should take as students/slaves and that comes with what?

10:26- 33 The Good News Promise of God's Presence

- In a sense the disciples were to have more of a public ministry than Jesus.
- He told them things in private, some of which they would not even understand till after the resurrection. But they were to teach them fully and publicly.

3 reasons not to fear:

1. v26-27 - everything covered will be revealed and don't be afraid to proclaim it with boldness
2. v28 - understand that the worst punishment from man would never match the worst God can do. Though Satan may have great power (6:13; 24:22), only God can destroy soul and body in hell. If God be truly feared, none other need be. We have a holy fear of God that is bound up in his eternal love for us.
3. v29-31 - Jesus says that God's sovereignty over the tiniest detail should give us confidence that he also is in charge over the larger matters.

10: 34-39 The Honest Consequences

What Jesus offers in this passage:

- v34-36 warfare - Micah 7:6
- v37 a choice
- v38 a cross
- v39 an adventure

10: 40-42 The rewards

The prophets, the righteous ones, the little ones...All service ranks the same with God!

What are you learning about Jesus?

What is the invitation in that to you?

Please read Matthew 11 for next week.