

# TO BE A DISCIPLE

## Unit 1701: *The Disciple as Missionary* *Under Authority of Christ - Part 2*

### Matthew 10:1-42

#### CONTINUITY FROM LAST SESSION (October 27, 2024)

1. Ten consecutive miracles reveal the authority of the Christ > demand obedience.
2. *The Life of the Flesh is in the Blood* (Leviticus 17:11).
3. Jesus fulfills Old Testament Messianic Prophecy: Preach, Teach, Heal
4. Jesus exercises authority with COMPASSION (splangnah)
5. Harvest of Lost Souls is plentiful - but laborers are few - Pray for God to send more.
6. The CALL OF THE 12 TWELVE DISCIPLES is also OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP!

#### I. THE NAMING OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES - Matthew 10:1-4

1. 12 is a SYMBOLIC NUMBER (12 Tribes and 12 Disciples) - Number of Church
2. Jesus conveys His authority to the 12 Disciples (The Church).
3. Twelve names with a unique history (Peter first - Judas last)
4. ACTS 12:1-2

#### II. JESUS SENDS OUT THE TWELVE APOSTLES (Matthew 10:5-15)

1. Greek verb ἀποστέλλω (sent forth) has the same root as ἀπόστολος (apostle - one who is "sent forth or out").
2. We believe in ... *one holy and apostolic church [Church is sent out]*.
3. Jesus' first commitment is to the People of Israel - NOT the Gentiles.
4. Genesis 12:1-3
5. Ministry of Jesus ushers in the Kingdom of God (Matthew 4:17 and 3:1-2)
6. Jewish traditional greeting: SHALOM [שלום] - generally "peace"
7. SHALOM SAYS: *May the best that God can possibly give come forth for you!*
8. *Shake off the dust from your feet ...* is a GESTURE OF SEVERANCE.

### **III. THE APOSTLES WILL FACE PERSECUTION (Matthew 10:16-24)**

1. Jesus asserts His AUTHORITY in an emphatic way.
2. The mission will be difficult and dangerous - (Matthew 7:15).
3. Wisdom (serpent) and Innocence (Dove) required for the mission.
4. The disciple will relive the experiences of Christ (persecution, betrayal, hatree)
5. Persecution will not stop or discourage witness - but create opportunity!
6. Beelzebul is the *Prince of Demons, whom Jesus identified as Satan*
7. See Matthew 12:24, Mark 3:22-23 and Luke 11:15-19

### **IV. DISCIPLES HAVE NO FEAR WHEN SENT INTO MISSION (Matthew 10:23-26)**

1. No need to be afraid of three things:
  - \* Fear of Persecution (26)
  - \* Fear of God's judgment on disobedience (28)
  - \* Fear of whether or not God cares (31)
2. Bring MAXIMUM ATTENTION to the witness of Christ (Matthew 5:1)
3. Acknowledge Christ before men - or not be acknowledged before God.

### **VI. JESUS BRINGS A SWORD (SEPARATION) - NOT PEACE (Matthew 10:34-39)**

1. Christ has come to separate humans from unbelief and evil.
2. Those who try to save their PHYSICAL LIFE will lose ETERNAL LIFE.
3. But those who lose their PHYSICAL LIFE *FOR Christ's sake* discover that they have found ETERNAL LIFE.

### **VII. CHRIST GIVES REWARDS TO FAITHFUL DISCIPLES (Matthew 10:40-42)**

1. Christ identifies the disciple with Himself - then Himself with the Father.
2. Four SERVANTS: Christ, Prophet, Righteous (Wo)Man, Disciple. Verse 40-41 -
3. God watches over ALL HIS SERVANTS - and will REWARD even the smallest kindness (cup of cold water to a child) shown to a seeking person.