

JESUS CHRIST  
JEHOVAH'S KING  
MINISTRY AND TEACHING OF JESUS  
THE FOLLOWER

0. COMMISSIONED

A. MATTHEW 10:1-42 HE CALLED HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES TO HIM AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT EVIL SPIRITS AND TO HEAL EVERY DISEASE AND SICKNESS.

1. TWELVE = PERFECTION OF GOVERNMENT
  - A. THE 12 REPRESENT HERE THE CHURCH AND THE JOB OF THE CHURCH.
2. SO WHAT DOES JESUS WANT THE CHURCH TO DO?
  - A. ENGAGE THE ENEMY OF MAN.

0. THAT YOU WOULD KNOW THEM!

A. MATTHEW 10:2-4 [2] THESE ARE THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES: FIRST, SIMON (WHO IS CALLED PETER) AND HIS BROTHER ANDREW; JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE, AND HIS BROTHER JOHN; [3] PHILIP AND BARTHOLOMEW; THOMAS AND MATTHEW THE TAX COLLECTOR; JAMES SON OF ALPHEUS, AND THADDAEUS; [4] SIMON THE ZEALOT AND JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM.

1. HERE THEY ARE NAMED.
2. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THEM?
3. WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON?
4. ARE THEY TWELVE THAT THE "CHURCH" TODAY WOULD PICK?
5. SO WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THEM?
  - A. THEY WERE GIVEN THEIR ASSIGNMENT BY JESUS. THE MAN UNDER AUTHORITY.

0. PART OF THE COMMISSION, BUT A FIELD!

A. MATTHEW 10:5-6 [5] THESE TWELVE JESUS SENT OUT WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: "DO NOT GO AMONG THE GENTILES OR ENTER ANY TOWN OF THE SAMARITANS. [6] GO RATHER TO THE LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL.

1. WHAT DO WE SEE HERE?
  - A. ABOVE THEY ARE TOLD WHAT TO DO.
  - B. NOW, THEY ARE TOLD WHERE TO GO.
  - C. WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

0. THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR!

A. MATTHEW 10: [7]-8 AS YOU GO, PREACH THIS MESSAGE: 'THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR.' [8] HEAL THE SICK, RAISE THE DEAD, CLEANSE THOSE WHO HAVE LEPROSY, DRIVE OUT DEMONS. FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE.

1. NOW THE MESSAGE.
  - A. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR.
    - (1) WHAT I SEE HERE IS A SHADOW OF WHAT IS TO COME.
    - (2) WHAT I SEE HERE IS THE SAINT OPERATING IN THE KINGDOM FROM HEAVEN

- (A) THE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST
  - (3) ALSO WHAT I SEE, THE MESSAGE WHEN IT IS TAUGHT OR PREACHED WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING.
- B. THE THINGS THAT GOD USES TO CONFIRM HIS WORD.
  - (1) HEAL THE SICK.
  - (2) RAISE THE DEAD.
  - (3) CLEANSE THE LEPER
  - (4) DRIVE OUT DEMONS.
- 2. WHAT YOU HAVE FREELY RECEIVED - GIVE IT AWAY.
  - A. HERE IS THE PROBLEM FOR THE CHURCH TODAY.
  - B. THEY ARE TO GIVE AWAY WHAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED.
  - C. MUCH OF THE CHURCH TODAY SAYS THAT WE DO NOT RECEIVE WHAT IS CLEARLY STATED IN THE BIBLE.
    - (1) WHAT I HAVE HERE IS EATONS' DEFINITION FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.
      - (A) GIFTS, SPIRITUAL (Gr. charismata), gifts supernaturally bestowed on the early Christians, each having his own proper gift or gifts for the edification of the body of Christ. These were the result of the extraordinary operation of the Spirit, as on the day of Pentecost. They were the gifts of speaking with tongues, casting out devils, healing, etc. (Mark 16:17-18), usually communicated by the medium of the laying on of the hands of the apostles (Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; 1 Tim. 4:14). These charismata were enjoyed only for a time. They could not continue always in the Church. They were suited to its infancy and to the necessities of those times.
    - (2) SO IF GOD HAS A GIFT FOR YOU, BUT YOU ARE TOLD THAT IT IS NOT FOR YOU. WHAT HAPPENS?
      - (A) GO BACK TO WHAT JESUS SAID, "YOU HAVE FREELY RECEIVED"
        - i) DID THEY EARN IT?
        - ii) WERE THEY SOME GREAT EDUCATED PERSON?
        - iii) MAYBE THEIR LIVES HAD BEEN PERFECT?
    - (3) NO, NO. GOD GIVES GIFTS FOR **gifts for the edification of the body of Christ**. THE CHURCH KNOWS WHY GOD GIVES GIFTS, THEY JUST DO NOT PRACTICE WHAT THEY KNOW..
- 0. WHAT YOU NEED!
  - A. MATTHEW 10: [9]-10 DO NOT TAKE ALONG ANY GOLD OR SILVER OR COPPER IN YOUR BELTS; [10] TAKE NO BAG FOR THE JOURNEY, OR EXTRA TUNIC, OR SANDALS OR A STAFF; FOR THE WORKER IS WORTH HIS KEEP.
    - 1. THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING.
    - 2. IT IS QUOTED A LOT OF TIMES TO SAY THAT A 'TEACHER' OR 'PREACHER' IS WORTHY OF HIS KEEP.
    - 3. FIRST IT SAYS, WHEN YOU ARE CALLED - GO.
      - A. DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THESE THINGS.
    - 4. NOW IT SAYS THE **WORKER** IS WORTHY OF HIS KEEP.
      - A. DO YOU HAVE A JOB?

- B. WHO PAYS YOU?
  - (1) IS IT THE CUSTOMER OR THE PERSON YOU ARE WORKING FOR?
- 5. WHEN YOU AND I GIVE TO THE CHURCH, WE ARE NOT GIVING TO THE CHURCH STAFF OR THE CHURCH BOARD. WE ARE GIVING TO GOD. IT IS HE WHO PAYS.
- 0. AS YOU GO WHERE YOU ARE SENT, WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?
  - A. MATTHEW 10: [11] "WHATEVER TOWN OR VILLAGE YOU ENTER, SEARCH FOR SOME WORTHY PERSON THERE AND STAY AT HIS HOUSE UNTIL YOU LEAVE. [12] AS YOU ENTER THE HOME, GIVE IT YOUR GREETING. [13] IF THE HOME IS DESERVING, LET YOUR PEACE REST ON IT; IF IT IS NOT, LET YOUR PEACE RETURN TO YOU. [14] IF ANYONE WILL NOT WELCOME YOU OR LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS, SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET WHEN YOU LEAVE THAT HOME OR TOWN. [15] I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IT WILL BE MORE BEARABLE FOR SODOM AND GOMORRAH ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT THAN FOR THAT TOWN.
    - 1. I THINK THIS IS AMAZING?
      - A. DO NOT STAY AT THE LOCAL INN.
      - B. STAY WITH A WORTHY PERSON.
      - C. STAY THERE UNTIL YOU LEAVE.
    - 2. AS YOU ENTER THE HOME, GIVE IT YOUR GREETING. [13] IF THE HOME IS DESERVING, LET YOUR PEACE REST ON IT
      - A. THESE ARE NOT MEANINGLESS WORDS.
      - B. WITH THIS PERSON COMES THE KINGDOM.
        - (1) ALL THE GIFTS OF GOD.
    - 3. WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT THOSE WHO REJECT THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM.
      - A. THIS WOULD INDICATE LEVELS OF PUNISHMENT.
        - (1) PREVIOUS LESSONS

## OPPOSITION TO THE GOSPEL

- 1. WHAT DOES JESUS WANT HIS FOLLOWERS TO KNOW.
  - A. MATTHEW 10:[16] I AM SENDING YOU OUT LIKE SHEEP AMONG WOLVES. THEREFORE BE AS SHREWD AS SNAKES AND AS INNOCENT AS DOVES. [17] "BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST MEN; THEY WILL HAND YOU OVER TO THE LOCAL COUNCILS AND FLOG YOU IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES.
    - I. WHAT ARE THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOLD TO DO?
      - (1) BE AS SHREWD AS SNAKES
        - (A) ALWAYS ALERT.
        - (B) KNOWS WHO WILL HURT HIM AND WHO WILL NOT.
        - (C) KNOWS THAT SOME OF A UNNATURAL FEAR OF HIM.
      - (2) AS INNOCENT AS DOVES
        - (A) WHY?
          - (I) BECAUSE CHARGES WILL COME AGAINST YOU.
          - (II) YOU ARE LIKE A SHEEP AMONG WOLVES.
    - II. THE FIRST GROUP THAT JESUS WARNS AGAINST.
      - (1) THE LOCAL CHURCH.
        - (A) WHY?

(I) BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO FREE THE PEOPLE.

2. THE RULERS WILL HATE YOU.

B. MATTHEW 10: [18] ON MY ACCOUNT YOU WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE GOVERNORS AND KINGS AS WITNESSES TO THEM AND TO THE GENTILES. [19] 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, [20] FOR IT WILL NOT BE YOU SPEAKING, BUT THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER SPEAKING THROUGH YOU.

I. THOSE IN AUTHORITY WILL HATE YOU.

(1) WHY?

(A) BECAUSE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO BE THE ANSWER TO ALL QUESTIONS.

(I) THIS MESSAGE, 'THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND' SAYS THAT THERE IS ANOTHER ANSWER.

1) PEOPLE BELIEVING THAT TAKES POWER AWAY FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

(B) ONE DAY RULERS WILL STAND BEFORE CHRIST, YOU ARE CHRIST'S WITNESS TODAY ABOUT THE KINGDOM.

(I) IT IS THIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WILL BE JUDGED ON.

II. GOD WANTS TO SPEAK TO THEM.

(1) AND HE WILL USE YOU TO DO IT.

(A) FOR IT WILL NOT BE YOU SPEAKING, BUT THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER SPEAKING THROUGH YOU.

3. FAMILY MEMBERS

A. MATTHEW 10: [21] "BROTHER WILL BETRAY BROTHER TO DEATH, AND A FATHER HIS CHILD; CHILDREN WILL REBEL AGAINST THEIR PARENTS AND HAVE THEM PUT TO DEATH.

I. WHEN THIS MESSAGE GOES FORTH DIVISION AMONG PEOPLE IS APPARENT.

(1) John 3:18-21 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. [19] This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. [20] Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. [21] But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

(2) 2 Cor. 2:16-17 To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? [17] Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

4. THE WORLD

A. MATTHEW 10: [22] ALL MEN WILL HATE YOU BECAUSE OF ME, BUT HE WHO STANDS FIRM TO THE END WILL BE SAVED. [23] 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.

I. LISTEN TO THE WARNING.

- (1) BUT HE WHO STANDS FIRM TO THE END WILL BE SAVED.
    - (A) HE IS SPEAKING TO THE TWELVE.
      - (I) DID THEY ALL STAND TO THE END?
  - II. THE NEXT STATEMENT
    - (1) WHEN YOU ARE PERSECUTED IN ONE PLACE, FLEE TO ANOTHER.
      - (A) HE DID NOT SAY 'IF', BUT WHEN.
        - (I) WHAT WOULD WE PROBABLY DO IF SOMEONE DID BATTLE WITH US.
          - 1) PROBABLY STAY AND DO BATTLE.
  - III. HOW LONG WILL THIS ALL TAKE PLACE.
    - (1) I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, YOU WILL NOT FINISH GOING THROUGH THE CITIES OF ISRAEL BEFORE THE SON OF MAN COMES.
      - (A) ISRAEL WILL NOT SEE THE LIGHT UNTIL THE SON OF MAN COMES.
5. WHAT YOU NEED TO REMEMBER.
- A. MATTHEW 10:[24] "A STUDENT IS NOT ABOVE HIS TEACHER, NOR A SERVANT ABOVE HIS MASTER. [25] 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!
    - I. WANT TO BE LIKE CHRIST?
      - (1) THEN EXPECT TO BE TREATED LIKE CHRIST.
    - II. WANT TO BRING THE MESSAGE THAT HE BROUGHT.
      - (1) THEN EXPECT TO BE TREATED LIKE CHRIST.
    - III. IN FACT EXPECT THINGS TO BE WORSE.
      - (1) HOW MUCH MORE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD!
        - (A) WHY?
          - (I) THE ENEMY WANT TO SHAKE YOUR FAITH.
  - IV. YOU ARE CALLED TO BE LIKE CHRIST.

<p>RIGHTEOUSNESS</p>	<p>John 15:10-14 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. [11] I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command.</p> <p>1 Cor. 1:30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.</p> <p>Ephesians. 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love</p> <p>Ephesians. 5:27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.</p> <p>1 John 3:7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.</p>
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<p>FREEDOM FROM THE WORLD</p>	<p>John 2:15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.</p> <p>John 17:14-16 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. [15] My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. [16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.</p> <p>Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.</p> <p>James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.</p>
<p>WALKING IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE</p>	<p>Galatians 5:16-26 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. [17] For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law..... I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the <b>kingdom of God</b>. [22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.</p>
	<p>Ephesians. 4:1-24 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. [2] Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. . . . [13] until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ... [20] You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. [21] Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. [22] You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; [23] to be made new in the attitude of your minds; [24] and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.</p>

SETTING YOURSELF APART FOR GOD'S WORK	<p>John 10:36 what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?</p> <p>John 17:17-19 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. [18] As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. [19] For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.</p> <p>John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."</p>
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6. Warning to the follower about being double minded.

- a. Matthew 10:[26] "So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. [27] What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. [28] 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. [29] 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. [30] And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. [31] So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. [32] "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. [33] But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.
  - i. Do not fear man
    - (1) Many reasons not to fear man
  - ii. Do Fear GOD.
    - (1) be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
  - iii. What are you to do?
    - (1) "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven
  - iv. What are you not to do?
    - (1) But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven

7. Again - second time Jesus tells us of opposition

- a. Matthew 10: [34] "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. [35] For I have come to turn " 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law-- [36] a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'
  - i. What is Jesus telling us.
    - (1) Opposition again can come from your own family.

8. Your faith will be tested!

- a. Matthew 10:[37] "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; [38] and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. [39] Whoever

finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

i. To understand this portion of God's Word you must look again at what it follows.

(1) You can not let the love of a family member keep you from God.

(2) You can not let the love of a family member keep you from doing what God has called you to do.

(3) Your life is more than your family

(a) If you see your family only as your life you will lose it.

(i) Think about all the people that are proof of this.

(4) If you will give God your life you will find the true purpose of your life

9. The smallest thing done for the Kingdom will be rewarded

a. Matthew 10:[40] "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. [41] Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. [42] And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

i. A few laws of the Kingdom

(a) Who do you except?

(i) He who receives a disciple receives Jesus

(ii) He who receives Jesus receives the Father

(b) What Reward will you receive?

(i) Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward

(ii) and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward

1) What is important here?

a) Being a Prophet, a righteous man.

i) Receiving

(c) And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

(i) ANYONE

1) See previous lessons

(ii) His REWARD

1) The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. [9] For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

2) Rev. 22:12 "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.