

Jesus Sends out the Twelve



Matthew 10—The Limited Commission

- Jesus called his twelve disciples to him
- He gave them “authority”==different kind from Matthew 20:25 (authority used 10x)
- Power to drive out (cast out) “unclean” spirits
- Power to heal



- “unclean” spirit—all over the place in Mark’s gospel
- Matthew 12:43
- Mark 10 times
- Luke-Acts 8 times
- John never speaks of it in these terms



Names of the Twelve

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 Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.





- He instructed, directed, commanded his disciples
- 15:35 he instructed the people to sit down
- He sent disciples forth having instructed them
- “send out/send forth” —significant (21:1)
- 15:24—faith of Canaanite woman—challenges Jesus’ own limited commission!



- Do not go to Gentiles or Samaritans
- Go to lost sheep of Israel
- Proclaim/herald—preach
- “The kingdom of the heavens has drawn near”
- Demonstrated by power and authority
- Heal, raise, cleanse, cast out



- Freely you have received, freely give
- Principle of ongoing discipleship for us!
- What have we received from God?
- Powerful statement of grace!
- How can we freely give to others?
- The power and authority to give!