

Third Tour of Galilee

February, 27 A.D.

Disciples Sent Forth

Matthew 9:35-38

Mark 6:7

Luke 9:1, 2

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Texts:

Matthew 9:35-38,

35. Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

36. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

37. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

38. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Matthew 10:1-4,

1. He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

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 Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

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

Mark 6:7,

7. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

Luke 9:1, 2,

- 1. When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,**
- 2. and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.**

Commentary:

I. Jesus went through all the cities and villages of Galilee preaching:

- A. as he went along.
- B. in their synagogues.
- C. everywhere an opportunity presented itself.

II. Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and...

- A. proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom.
- B. healed every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.
 1. No disease was out of reach of Jesus' power to heal.
 2. Nothing is impossible with God today!
 3. The number of these miracles must have been really great!

III. Jesus was compassionate toward the people because they were:

- A. distressed (anxious).
- B. dispirited (depressed).

C. confused, bewildered as sheep without a shepherd.

D. Aren't you glad Jesus is compassionate? We are to be like Jesus!

IV. Jesus told his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

A. This was true in the first century.

B. It is true now in the twenty-first century.

C. We are to pray God, the Lord of the harvest, to send laborers into his fields.

D. We need to make ourselves available to work where and as God may direct!

E. The church needs to train others to do God's work.

V. Jesus:

A. gave the apostles authority:

1. over unclean spirits to cast them out.

2. to heal all manner of sickness and disease.

B. The difference between a disciple and an apostle is a matter of commission, authority.

VI. Jesus here appointed, ordained twelve to be apostles.

A. There are four lists of the twelve apostles in the new Testament.

B. Matthew 10:2-4, 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; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

C. Mark 3:16-19, These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges which means Sons of thunder); Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

D. Luke 6:13-16, When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zelaot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

E. Acts 1:13, When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

VII. Comparative lists:

Matthew

Simon Peter
Andrew
James son of Zebedee
John son of Zebedee
Philip
Bartholomew
Thomas
Matthew the publican

Mark

Simon Peter
Andrew
James son of Zebedee*
John son of Zebedee*
Philip
Bartholomew
Thomas
Matthew

Luke

Simon Peter
Andres, Peter's brother
James
John
Philip
Bartholomew
Thomas
Matthew

Acts

Peter
Andrew
James
John
Philip
Bartholomew
Thomas
Matthew

James son of Alphaeus	James son of Alphaeus	James son of Alphaeus	James son of Alphaeus
Thaddaeus	Thaddaeus	Judas son of James	Judas son of James
Simon Cananaean	Simon Zealot	Simon Zealot	Simon Zealot
Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	

Note: James and John, sons of Zebedee, were named Boanerges, Sons of Thunder, by Jesus. They wanted to call fire from heaven to destroy certain people who refused to believe in and follow Jesus.

VIII. Jesus charged these twelve and sent them forth saying:

- A. “Go not into any way of the Gentiles,
- B. enter not into any city of the Samaritans.”
- C. This limited commission was restricted and was much different than the Great Commission given later.
- D. Matthew 28:18-20, Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- E. The limited commission here given to the apostles was to counteract the campaign of the Pharisees against Jesus and to...
- F. arouse Israel to receive their Messianic King.

IX. The apostles were at this time to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

- A. Israel’s rulers were corrupt.
- B. Israel’s people were lost.

X. They were to preach, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand,” near. Mark 9:1, And he said to them, “I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.”

XI. The apostle were to:

A. heal the sick.

B. raise the dead.

C. Cleanse lepers.

D. Cast out demons.

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Questions

1. Jesus went through all the _____ and _____, _____ in their _____, _____ the _____ of the _____ and _____ every _____ and _____.

2. Jesus had _____ on the _____ because they were _____ and _____, like _____ without a _____.

3. Jesus said to his _____, "The _____ is plentiful but the _____ are _____. Ask the Lord of the _____ to send out _____ into his _____."

4. Jesus called his _____ to him and gave them _____ to drive out _____ and to _____ every _____ and _____.

5. The names of the twelve apostles were _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ the son of _____, _____ the _____ and _____.

6. Jesus sent out these _____ by _____ and gave them _____ ones _____ and to _____.

7. Jesus sent them out to _____ the _____ of _____ and to _____ the _____.

8. There are _____ lists of the _____, these being found in _____, _____, _____ and _____.

9. The apostles at this time were to go only to _____, not to _____ or _____.

10. What has Jesus commissioned us to do? _____

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