

Introduction

1. Jesus previously selected twelve apostles.
2. In this chapter our Lord commissions / delegates work to them.

Select Verses



- 10:2-4 - *“Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.”*
- 10:5-8 - *“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:”*
- 10:7-8 - *“And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”*
- 10:16 - *“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”*
- 10:22 - *“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”*
- 10:28 - *“...fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”*
- 10:32-33 - *“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”*
- 10:37-39 - *“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.”*

Select Thoughts / Themes



1. Parallel records found in Mark 6:7-13 and Luke 9:1-6.
2. Jesus send the apostles out in what is often called the limited commission (vs. 5-6). Can we know about how long it took the Lord in selecting the apostles? Do we know how long the apostles were in the assignment (limited commission)?
3. What did Jesus teach His disciples regarding being afraid as they went about their work? What reaction did Jesus say they could expect as they talked to the people?
4. Jesus trained His disciples to accomplish the work needed after He returned to heaven.
5. Our Lord explained the cost of discipleship in what terms? Can we understand the terms today?



To Consider Further...

1. Explain the purpose of Jesus sending the disciples out two at a time?
2. Discuss the diversity in backgrounds, occupation, financial status, etc. of the twelve apostles.
3. What portion of the instructions given to the apostles in the limited commission would apply to Christians today?
4. What does it mean to “confess” Christ before men? Is this a one time action (when one becomes a Christian)?
5. What is the difference between the “limited” commission and the “Great Commission?”