

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve - Lesson 2

Matthew 10:16-42; Mark 6:12-13; Luke 9:6

Jesus first commanded the disciples to go to the people of _____ with the message of the kingdom. He gave them _____ and _____ to heal and cast out demons _____ their message. The second portion of the instruction looks beyond this specific mission to future _____ and even gives a glimpse of eschatological times.

I. Nature of Future Persecutions

“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of _____: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. ¹⁷ But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them (Lit. - _____) and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they deliver you up, take no thought (Gk - _____) how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. ²⁰ For it is not ye that speak, but the _____ of your Father which speaketh in you. ²¹ And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. ²² And ye shall be hated of _____ men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. ²³ But when they persecute you in this city, _____ ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be _____. ²⁴ The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?” Matthew 10:16-25

Proof for a Future Interpretation:

1. No evidence of the twelve disciples suffering _____.
2. No _____ ministry. (v. 18)
3. No _____ had been given at this point. (v. 20)
4. No world-wide _____ happened. (v.22)
5. No Lord's _____. (v.23)

“wise as serpents, and harmless as doves” –

“beware of men”

1. Religious Leaders –

2. Governments –

3. Family –

“take no thought how or what ye shall speak” –

“ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake” –

“when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another” –

“Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come” –

Rejection to come: master -> disciple; lord -> servant; master of the house -> household

II. Desired Reaction to Future Persecutions

“ _____ them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. ²⁸ And _____ not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather _____ him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. ³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ _____ ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:26-31

“Fear them not” –

“rather fear him” –

III. Two Possible Responses to the Gospel

“Whosoever therefore shall _____ me before men, him will I _____ also before my Father which is in heaven. ³³ But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. ³⁴ Think not that I am come to send _____ on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I am come to set a man at variance (Lit. - _____) against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a man's _____ shall be they of his own household. ³⁷ He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy (Lit. - _____) of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And he that taketh not his _____, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. ³⁹ He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. ⁴⁰ He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. ⁴¹ He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” Matthew 10:32-42

Confession or Denial of Jesus – Action & Reward

- Acknowledge Christ (v. 32-33) –

- Put Christ above Family (v. 34-39) –

“he that taketh not his cross” –

- Receive Christ's Messengers –

IV. Summary of Third Galilean Tour

“And they went out, (“and went through the towns, preaching the gospel” Luke 9:6) and preached that men should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them (“everywhere” Luke 9:6).” Mark 6:12-13

“preaching” –

“healed” –

21st Century Believers Application:

1. Suffering is to be expected –

2. Christ honors those who confess Him –

3. We can be a blessing and share in the reward of service –

Ladies Studying Jesus

Homework – Vol. 4 #27

Read Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Luke 9:7-9

1. Do a brief biography of Herod the Tetrarch. Use Study Bibles, commentaries, and secular sources.
2. What character flaw was Herod's downfall? How do you see that flaw in this incident? Give 2 examples.
3. What was Herod's fear when he heard of Jesus? Do you think Herod was second-guessing his decision to execute John the Baptist? Why?
4. What was Herod's desire when he heard of Jesus?

Bonus: What did Jesus do when He heard of Herod's desire? (This is not in our reading – read on!)