

The Gospel of Matthew

Bible Study – Examination, Exposition, and Application

Chapter 10:1-11:1 – Jesus Lives the Kingdom (Part 4)

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Chapter 8-10 – Jesus Lives the Kingdom

■ Third “Call to Discipleship” (v. 10:1-10) - Commissioning

- Call (Gk. *Proskalesamenos*; “calling to, summons”)
- Authorizes (Gk. *Exousian*; moral authority, conferred power, delegated empowerment, influence,)
 - Over unclean spirits, to cast them out
 - Cure every disease (Gk. *Nosos*, “a chronic, persisting, incurable ailment”) and every sickness (Gk. *Therapeuein*)
- Naming: **Simon** (aka Peter) and his brother, **Andrew**; **James** son of Zebedee and his brother **John**; **Philip** and **Bartholomew**; **Thomas** and **Matthew**; **James** son of Alphaeus, and **Thaddaeus**; **Simon** the Cananaean, and **Judas Iscariot**, the one who betrayed him.

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► Third “Call to Discipleship” (v. 10:1-10) - Commissioning

► Naming:

- **Simon** (Hb. “Hearing”) + brother, **Andrew** (Gk. “Manliness”)
- **James** (Hb. “Jacob”) + brother **John** (Hb. “Gift of God”);
- **Philip** (Gk. “Horse lover”) and **Bartholomew/Nathanael** (Hb. “son of Talmi”);
- **Thomas** (Hb. “Twin”) and **Matthew** (Hb. “God has given”)
- **James the Lesser** (Hb. “Jacobson” the “Small one”) of Alphaeus, and **Thaddaeus** (Hb. “breast or heart”);
- **Simon the Zealot** (Gk. “Passion”) the Cananaean, and **Judas Iscariot** (Hb. Man of Kerioth”) betrayer

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► Third “Call to Discipleship” (v. 10:1-10) - Instructions

- Go nowhere among the Gentiles...enter no town of the Samaritans; Go rather to the lost sheep (Gk. *Probata*) of the house of Israel
- Proclaim the good news (preach): “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Ministry Examples: Cure the sick; raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons;
- Support: receive no payment; give without payment; no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag...tunic, sandals, staff; food
 - Find the worthy persons (“bridge makers”); peaceable
 - Practice hospitality: accept accommodations, salutations
 - Shake off the dust of unwelcoming persons (Gen. 18:16-33)

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► Third “Call to Discipleship” (v. 10:16-25) - Warnings

- Sheep (Gk. *Probata*) into the midst of wolves (Gk. *Lukon*, *cruel, greedy, rapacious, destructive men*); be wise and innocent
- Wolves – persecute the people of God (councils, flogging in their synagogues, dragged before governors and kings *because of me*, as a testimony (Gk. *Marturion*, “witness/martyr”) to the Nations.
- Work of the Spirit – give you words to speak; strength at betrayal
 - v. 22 – “endures to the end will be saved” (“preservation / perseverance of the saints”)
 - v. 23 – urgency of the task (“coming” before the crucifixion)
 - v. 24-25 – relationship between disciple (student) and teacher; slave and master; called Beelzebub (i.e., Lord of the Flies)

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► Third “Call to Discipleship” (v. 10:26-33) - Warnings

- v. 26-27 - No fear...all revealed: covered/uncovered; secret/known; told in dark/tell in the light; whispered/proclaim (opposed secret knowledge - Essenes/Gnostics)
- v. 28-31 - No fear...you are of great value (two sparrows sold for a penny (1/16th a day's wage); hairs; fear him!
- v. 32-33 – Acknowledge (Gk. *Homologesei*, avow, confess, publicly declare, praise or celebrate)

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► Third “Call to Discipleship” (v. 10:34-42) - Warnings

- v. 34-36 – Not come to bring peace...but a sword (Gk. *Machaira*, “a short sword or dagger; slaughter-knife, used for stabbing to enact retribution”)
 - Micah 7:6 – Communal corruption and Lament!
- v. 37-39 – Paradox of Discipleship (Life of Faith):
 - Father/Mother, Son/Daughter: (Gk. *Philon...huper*, “affection, cherish, kiss...over me”)
 - Worthy / not worthy (Gk. *Axios*, “worthy, deserving, comparable, suitable”)
 - Cross Roman means of execution; excruciating

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► Third “Call to Discipleship” (v. 10:34-11:1) - Warnings

- v. 40-42 – Securing your reward (Gk. *Misthon*, “wages”)
 - Ambassadors - welcome (receive) messenger...superior
 - Prophets (out of respect for the office and work)
 - Righteous person (Gk. *Dikaion*, the elect)
 - “Little ones” – Jesus’ affectionate name of disciples (18:6)
- v. 11:1 – finished - literary formula marking end of discourse; section (Mt. 7:28, 11:1, 13:53, 19:1; 26:1)

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