

A Mini-Mission

Matthew 10:5-42

Introduction:

Jesus had authority to say the things he said in the Sermon on The Mount

Matthew 7:29 for (Jesus) taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

He chose 12 disciples to carry on when he left.

Matthew 10:1-4

These 12 were sent on a mini- mission. What kind of mission was it?

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1. A Specific Mission **Matthew 10:5-10**

None other than “The Lost Sheep of Israel” yet, he still healed the Gentile’s daughter

Matthew 15:21-28 v. 24 But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of **Israel**.” v. 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was **healed** from that very hour.

But don’t forget:

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew **first** and also for the Greek.

NOW, The Gospel Is For All!

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Mark 16:15-16 And He said to them, “Go into **all the world** and preach the gospel to **every creature**. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 15:7-9 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the **circumcision** for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the **Gentiles** might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the **Gentiles**, And sing to Your name.”

2. A Worthy Mission **Matthew 10:11-15**

They had a message worthy of hearing.

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the **gospel** of **Christ**, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel

Those who listened were worthy of the message.

Matthew 3:7-8 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear **fruits** worthy of **repentance**,

Matthew 10:37-38 He who **loves** father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who **loves** son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his **cross** and **follow** after Me is not worthy of Me.

3. A Dangerous Mission **Matthew 10:16-31**

They were not persecuted so much here, but they would be persecuted and what a picture!

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you out as **sheep** in the midst of **wolves**.

- ◆ Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.
- ◆ Beware!
- ◆ Do not worry!
- ◆ Betrayal and Slander
- ◆ Do not fear!

Persecution is always a risk if you live for Christ!

2 Timothy 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live **godly** in Christ Jesus will suffer **persecution**.

4. A Costly Mission **Matthew 10:32-42**

It could cost anything from friends, to family, to lives!

Matthew 10:22 And you will be **hated** by all for My name’s sake. But he who **endures** to the end will be **saved**.

Jesus gave other examples of what it would cost:

Matthew 8:20 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has **nowhere** to lay His head.”

Conclusion

*A Rewarded Mission **Matthew 10:32-42***

1. WE will be confessed before the father instead of denied.
2. WE will find life after death instead of death after life
3. WE will receive Christ and His reward instead of His judgment and condemnation!
 - a. Jesus is the prophet: we receive His reward!
 - b. Jesus is the righteous man: we receive His reward!

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like **Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.