

Is the Church Obsolete?
Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 109
Matthew 10:1-42
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Introduction:

I. We Must Have the Right to _____ His _____ (10:1-15)

A. First: Be His _____, On His _____ (vv. 1-4)

B. Second: _____ His _____ His _____ (vv. 5-15)

II. _____ Expectations Must Be _____ Expectations (10:16-23)

A. Conflict, Not Conquest (vv. 16-17)

B. Testimony, Not Triumph (vv. 18-20)

C. Treachery, Not Thanks (vv. 21-23)

III. We Must Embrace the _____ation _____ations (10:24-42)

A. For Preachers (vv. 24-31)

B. For Hearers (vv. 32-39)

C. For Supporters (vv. 40-42)

Matthew 10

¹ And He called His twelve disciples to Himself and gave them authority over unclean spirits, so as to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every ailment.

² Now, of the twelve apostles the names are these: first Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother;

³ Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James the *son* of Alphaeus and Thaddeus,

⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot — who also delivered Him over.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent, after charging them, saying, “Into the way to the Gentiles do not go off, and into a city of Samaritans do not go in.

⁶ But go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

⁷ And, as you go, keep proclaiming, saying, ‘The kingdom of the heavens has drawn near!’

⁸ The sick, heal; the dead, raise; lepers, cleanse; demons, cast out. As a gift, you received; as a gift, give.

⁹ Do not acquire gold nor silver nor copper for your *money*-belts,

¹⁰ do not acquire a knapsack for the way, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff; for the worker is worthy of his nourishment.

¹¹ But into whichever city or village you enter, research who in it is worthy, and remain there until whenever you come out.

¹² And, when *you* enter into the house, greet it;

¹³ and, on the one hand, if the house is worthy, let your ‘Peace’ come upon it; on the other, if it is not worthy, let your ‘Peace’ return to you.

¹⁴ And whoever does not accept you nor hear your words, when you go out of the house or out of that city, shake off the dust from your feet.

¹⁵ **Amen, I say to you**, it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

¹⁶ “Look: it is I who send you as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, become shrewd as serpents, and innocent as doves.

¹⁷ Now, be wary of men, for they will deliver you over unto councils, and in their synagogues they will whip you.

¹⁸ And before governors and even kings will you be brought on account of Me, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ But whenever they deliver you over, do not be anxious as to how or what you may speak; for it will be given to you in that moment what you are to speak.

²⁰ For you are not the ones speaking, but *instead* the Spirit of your Father is the one speaking in you.

²¹ But brother will deliver brother over unto death, and father child, and children will rise up against parents and will have them put to death.

²² And you will be hated by all on account of My name. But he who has endured until the finish — this one will be saved.

²³ And whenever they persecute you in this city, flee into a

different *city*; for **amen I say to you**, you definitely will not finish the cities of Israel until whenever the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his lord.

²⁵ *It is* sufficient for the disciple that he should become as his teacher, and the slave as his lord. If the *very* house-master ‘Beelzebul’ they nickname, how much more those of His household!

²⁶ Therefore, do not fear them. For nothing is concealed which will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

²⁷ What I say to you in the darkness, say in the light; and what you hear *whispered* into your ear, proclaim on the rooftops.

²⁸ And do not fear because of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. But rather, fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion? And yet one of them does not fall on the ground apart from your Father.

³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all counted!

³¹ Therefore, do not fear; you matter more than many sparrows!

³² Therefore, everyone of the sort who will confess Me before men, I Myself also will confess him before My Father who is in the heavens.

³³ But whoever may deny Me before men, I Myself also will deny him before My Father who *is* in the heavens.

³⁴ Do not imagine that I came to cast peace upon the earth. I did not come to cast peace, but *instead* a sword!

³⁵ For I came to divide a man ‘against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a bride against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ ‘and the man’s enemies *will be* those of his household.’ [See *Micah 7:6*]

³⁷ He who is fond of father or mother, above Me, is not worthy of Me; and he who is fond of son or daughter, above Me, is not worthy of Me.

³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross, and follow after Me, is not worthy of Me.

³⁹ He who finds his soul will lose it; and he who loses his soul on account of Me will find it.

⁴⁰ He who welcomes you, *it is* Me he welcomes; and he who welcomes Me welcomes Him who sent Me.

⁴¹ He who welcomes a prophet
in the name of a prophet,
the reward of a prophet
will he receive;
and he who welcomes a righteous *man*
in the name of a righteous *man*,
the reward of a righteous *man*
will he receive.

⁴² And whoever gives drink to one of these small ones — a cup of cold *water*, alone! — in the name of a disciple, **amen I say to you**, he definitely will not lose his reward.”

(ad hoc translation of the Greek text by Pastor Phillips; sans footnotes)