

Mark 6:7-13
Sent With Authority

and he went about among the villages teaching.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.^[a] ¹⁰ And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

Make God add his blessing to the reading and preaching of his holy Word.

Let us pray: Gracious heavenly Father, we thank you for giving us your holy Word for our instruction and edification. Guide and bless our study this morning that we might learn more of our Lord Jesus Christ and how he sends out his disciples into the world, we pray in our Savior’s name. Amen.

Human history had arrived at its great turning point. The Greek culture and language had begun to be spread after Alexander the Great’s conquests that began 300 years before Christ. Then came the period of the great Roman conquests and the time of peace and prosperity known as the Pax Romana from 27 BC under Caesar Augustus. The Roman military might and engineering skills made travel safe and fast on the Roman roads all across the vast empire. It was the perfect setting for the introduction of new ideas and even a new religion.

The Jewish nation of Israel, on the far eastern shoreline of the Mediterranean Sea, had fallen to Rome under the Roman General Pompey in 63 BC.

But the great world empires and generals could not stop what God planned to do to fulfill the prophecies in the Old Testament in sending a Deliverer to his people, in sending the anointed one of God, called the Messiah or the Christ.

As Galatians 4:4-5 says, ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law,

At just the right time in human history God sent forth his Son, his Son who had been at his side for all eternity, God sent him to earth, sent the Son who was as fully God as he was, he sent him to earth to be born as a full Jewish male of a virgin named Mary.

This child grew up in a village in northern Galilee called Nazareth and at the age of 30 he burst onto the Jewish religious scene as a prophet mighty in word and deed. Mark 1:4-15 says, “¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;[E] repent and believe in the gospel.”

The Kingdom of God was near at hand because the King had arrived in human history and begun his public ministry. John the Baptist had been preaching in the wilderness, urging the people to repent of their sins and prepare themselves for the coming of one who would baptize his people with the HS.

Now the anointed King had arrived and one of the first things he did was call particular men to join him as his disciples – men who he would teach and train.

He called fishermen – 4 we know of – Peter and Andrew, James and John – and told them he’d make them “fishers of men.”

-watched him heal and teach and we read in

Mark 3: 13-15 - ¹³ (A) And he went up on the mountain and called to him those (B) whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ (C) And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ (D) and have authority to cast out demons.”

So Jesus did not waste time putting them into service – they were told to preach and even given authority to cast out demons. They were doing on the job training, they were apprentices – learning to preach about the coming of the kingdom of God and even taking authority over evil spirits ..

Storm on Sea

- Gerasene demoniac
- woman with issue of blood
- Jairus’ 12 year old daughter
- with him at his rejection at Nazareth

-But we read at end of verse 6, “And he went about among the villages teaching.”

-his rejection did not slow him down

The necessity of sending out:

- The lostness of the people
- The helplessness of the people.
- The ignorance of the people
- The Greatness of the Savior

:7 – **And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two,**

- two better than one:
 - two witnesses
 - support one another

and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

I. He sent them out with authority

- to set people free from demons

:8-9 - ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.^[a]

¹⁰ And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹

II. He sent them out with dependence

- on God
- on people

- not on their own resources
- had been successful fishermen

:11 - ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”

III. He sends them out with a *message of judgment* for those who reject the gospel message.

Cf. Matt. 10: ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, ^(U)shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, ^(V)it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for ^(W)the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

Iv. He sends them out to a target group

Matt. 10:5-15 - ⁵ ^(G)These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of ^(H)the Samaritans, ⁶ ^(I)but go rather to ^(J)the lost sheep of ^(K)the house of Israel.

- Paul went to synagogues first

IV. He sends them out with a message:

:12 ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.”

Matt. 10:7 - ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ^(L)'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'^[c]

Luke 9:2 - ² And He sent them out to ^(A)proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing.

So basically the same content as Jesus' preaching:

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;^[a] repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1;14-15

Good news of God

The time is at hand, kingdom of God has arrived

Repent and believe the gospel

V. He sends them out with power

¹³ **And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.**

God is the sending God – sent his Son.

This was a necessity – no. other way to rescue his people.

So Christ now sends out his disciples....

With authority

With dependence

With warning

With a message

With power

So he sends us out:

I. With authority

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

II. With dependence

John 15:5 -

I am the vine; **you** are the branches. Whoever abides in **me** and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for **apart from me you can do nothing**.

Phil. 4:14ff - ⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share^[a] my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

Ex. Of Adoniram Judson – lost his support in USA when converted to a Baptist in India.

III. With warning of judgment to come

Paul gave these kinds of Warnings:

¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” Acts 17

And as he reasoned about **righteousness** and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.” Acts 24:25

IV. With a message**1 Cor. 15:1-5**

Now I would remind you, brothers,^[a] of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

V. With power

Luke 24:49 - ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Acts 2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^[a] on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Eph. 1:19-20 - ⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places

With authority
With dependence
With warning
With a message
With power

The necessity of sending out is the same today:

The lostness of the people
 The helplessness of the people.
 The ignorance of the people
 The Greatness of the Savior

Let us be available to be send out.

Let us be sensitive and alert to the Spirit as to whom he would send us to. Who do you think he would have you go to? Pray he would open the door to speak to this person. Be available to be used. The workers are few, said Christ, but the laborers are few. Jesus wants you and needs you in his service. Won't you answer that call and like Isaiah, say, "here I am, Yahweh, send me." We don't need great skills, but we do need to be willing and available. A vessel willing to be used for Christ's gospel in the earth.

Let us tell the gospel, confident that we go in his authority, totally dependent on his guidance and power, not neglecting to warn of Judgment to come, but giving out the only hope for all humanity: The glorious gospel that Jesus was sent from the Father's love that "whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

We are in a race to the finish line. The baton has been passed to us. Let us run with all our might to the finish line for Christ's glory and the salvation of his elect people. Amen.

Prayer:

Thank you, Holy Father, that you did not leave your people mired in the mud pit of our own sin and filth, but you sent all the way from heaven your Son, to become like we are except without sin, and he bore our guilt and punishment that we deserve, and won justification for us, righteous for us, his righteousness. Now may we go as you would sent us out, to carry this message that along can save men and women from their sins and hell and bring them in joy to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

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