

# Harmony of the Gospels

# The Harvest and Workers Matthew 9:35-38, Mark 6:6b

- Jesus' three-fold activity
  - Teaching-We have a snapshot of what Jesus did in the synagogue earlier when he read from the scroll of Isaiah in His hometown of Nazareth and taught from that passage of scripture.
  - Proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom-The main focus of the ministry of Jesus was to announce that these are the days of fulfillment.
  - Healing-the visible validation of the fact that the kingdom of God has come.

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- Jesus' response to the situation He encountered
  - The situation-
    - The people were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd.
    - The people were like a ripe harvest in the field needing to be gathered and preserved.
  - The Response
    - He had compassion for them
    - He calls for His disciples to pray to the Father to send laborers to save the harvest.

# Commissioning of the Twelve Matthew 10:1-42; Mark 6:7-11; Luke 9:1-5

- The powerful expressions of the ministry of Jesus were an undeniable indication that the kingdom of God had come among God's people. Now that ministry is to be expanded as Jesus gives these men the power to do the works He was doing.

Matt 10:2-4

Simon Peter

Andrew

James

John

Philip

Bartholomew

Thomas

Matthew

James son of  
Alphaeus

Thaddaeus

Simon the Zealot

Judas Iscariot

Mark 3:16-19

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Luke 6:13-16

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Acts 1:13

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- The Scope of the commission
  - Only to the house of Israel vv5-6
  - The message of the kingdom would one day go to the other peoples of the earth but the Israelites were the ones who had been prepared to receive the Messiah.
  - The clear message had to be established that this God-Man who walked the earth was the God of the nation of Israel.

# Commissioning of the Twelve Matthew 10:1-42; Mark 6:7-11; Luke 9:1-5

- The Message of the commission
  - Fulfillment of the promised kingdom of God is happening.  
v7

# Commissioning of the Twelve Matthew 10:1-42; Mark 6:7-11; Luke 9:1-5

- The Execution of the commission
  - Lavish God's grace and mercy on His people v8
  - Depend on God's provision vv9-10
  - Focus on those who are receptive to God's message vv11-15



# Commissioning of the Twelve Matthew 10:1-42; Mark 6:7-11; Luke 9:1-5

- The Risks of the commission
  - Intense hostility vv16-22
    - Religious v17
    - Civil v18
    - Relational v21
  - Note how in this section the instruction of Jesus clearly goes beyond this initial sending out of the original apostles. Prophetic revelations often take on this character of speaking of far future events in the context of an immediate message.

# Commissioning of the Twelve Matthew 10:1-42; Mark 6:7-11; Luke 9:1-5

- The Perpetuation of the commission
  - Expect and prepare for hostility vv16, 24-25
  - Trust in God's provision to empower you in the time of hostility vv19-20
  - Persevere v22
  - Understand that persecution can never stop the gospel. V23

# Commissioning of the Twelve Matthew 10:1-42; Mark 6:7-11; Luke 9:1-5

- The Perpetuation of the commission
  - Fear God more than man vv26-28
  - Rest in God's care vv29-33
  - The call of Jesus for our highest devotion will inevitable clash with other demands for our loyalty to ourselves and others. Vv34-39
  - Those who do accept those bearing God's message, accept God. Vv40-42