

Jesus Instructs His Messengers - Screens for 6/28/20

- 1. Matthew 10:5-15**
- 2. Mark 6:12-13**
- 3. Several of Jesus' instructions in v.5-15 to His apostles were unique for their short-term mission.**
- 4. I. Their Unique Assignment**
- 5. Matthew 8:11-12**
- 6. Jesus knew of Gentile inclusion, but it was necessary for a thorough offer of God's kingdom to be made to the Jews first because:**
 - **God loves the Jews; they are special to Him**
 - **They had clear covenant promises from God**
- 7. Acts 13:42-48**
- 8. Jesus' restrictions in Matthew 10:5-6 were necessary but only temporary; and they eventually gave way to His Great Commission.**
- 9. II. Their Core Message and Credentials**
- 10. Israel's King was offered, but they rejected Jesus and crucified Him. Yet, this was all planned in God's sovereignty to pay for our sins.**
- 11. In v.8 Jesus was commanding His apostles to meet people's needs as acts of God's kindness and avenues for the Gospel.**
- 12. God still sends messengers because if specific people do not hear the specific Gospel they cannot be saved.**
- 13. III. Their Practical Provision**
- 14. They were not to charge for their work or message because:**

- Jesus revealed Himself to them at no cost
 - God supplied their power
 - What price could be set on their work?
15. They were to rely on God's provision and the hospitality of others. This illustrates a balanced approach between ministers of God and those they serve.
 16. Verse 10b reveals the practical responsibility of those served to help meet the needs of God's messengers.
 17. In v.11-13 the word "worthy" appears to mean a moral household that is receptive to the Gospel and that shows hospitality to God's messengers.
 18. In Scripture, God's servants are not to be consumed with their needs because they trust God, Who in turn uses people to meet them.
 19. IV. Their Acceptance and Rejection
 20. A major lesson for us is to put our greatest efforts in those who are receptive. When our message is from Christ and people reject it, they are rejecting Jesus, not us.