

The Messengers of the Kings, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 10.
- B. Jesus saw the world in light of the inevitability of judgment.
- C. Jesus asks the ones whom he called to pray to go also.
- D. There are three features of the commissioning of the Twelve.

II. Their initiation.

- A. Jesus got his disciples involved through several phases.
 - 1. Their conversion.
 - 2. Their calling into ministry.
 - 3. Their first experience.
 - 4. Their final sending.
- B. Jesus was overcoming several problems in their training.
 - 1. They lacked understanding. Jesus met this by teaching.
 - 2. They lacked humility. Jesus met this by demonstrating the right spirit. (Matthew 20)
 - 3. They lacked faith. Jesus dealt with this by showing them the power of God.
 - 4. They lacked commitment. Jesus dealt with this by praying for them. (Luke 22, Matthew 17)
- C. The disciples were chosen to be Apostles (sent ones). We ought to be training with the object of sending.

III. Their impact.

- A. They were given the authority of Christ.
- B. They did the same kinds of things that Jesus did.

IV. Their identity.

Application Questions:

1. How have you experienced a similar path in following Jesus as the disciples?

2. How can Christians take courage in how Jesus has met the disciples in their weaknesses?

3. Which weakness can you relate to the most? What practical steps can you take to overcome?
