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THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Ordinary Ambassadors

Matthew 10:1–15

What is keeping you from being an ordinary messenger who is useful to the Master?

Jesus chooses the ordinary and unremarkable, empowers them with his authority and sends them with his gospel.

- 1 Summoning his twelve disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out and to heal every disease and sickness.,
- 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: First, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the taxcollector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

- 5 Jesus sent out these twelve after giving them instructions:
- "Don't take the road that leads to the Gentiles, and don't enter any Samaritan town.
- 6 Instead, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7 As you go, proclaim, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

- 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you received, freely give.
- 9 Don't acquire gold, silver, or copper for your money-belts.
- 10 Don't take a traveling bag for the road, or an extra shirt, sandals, or a staff, for the worker is worthy of his food.

Our Need for a Good Shepherd

"My people were lost sheep; their shepherds led them astray" Jeremiah 50:6

"We are all gone away like sheep and have turned away"

Isaiah 53:6

- 11 When you enter any town or village, find out who is worthy, and stay there until you leave.
- 12 Greet a household when you enter it, 13 and if the household is worthy, let your peace be on it; but if it is unworthy, let your peace return to you.

14 If anyone does not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that house or town.

15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

Let's Go With the Gospel

*Trust that Jesus can use you, even with your weaknesses, to make His kingdom known.

*Go with boldness, relying on his power, not your resources, to share the gospel with others.