

“Twelve Men on a Mission”

Luke 9:1-11

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I. Introduction

- A. In this passage, we have Jesus sending His twelve apostles out on their first mission
 - 1. It marks a significant transition in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ
 - 2. Jesus could only be in one place at a time, so He sent them “two by two”
 - 3. “Their circumstances and the directions given them by Jesus were peculiar to the time and occasion; these commands are not without application to the messengers of the master in all ages of the world

II. Their Commission (Luke 9:1-6)

- A. The highest priority is preaching truth (v. 2)
 - 1. The Gospel
 - 2. Same message Jesus preached
- B. Demonstrating compassion (vv. 1-2)
 - 1. Miracles to confirm the truth of God
- C. Minister with a dependency on God (v. 3)
 - 1. An emphasis on the urgency, simplicity, and dependability of God
 - 2. (Matthew 6)
 - 3. (Philippians 4)
- D. Its content in all circumstances (v. 4)
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- E. It exercises discernment (v. 5)
- F. It’s obedient to Christ’s commission (v. 6)

III. Herod’s Confusion (Luke 9:7-9)

- A. Herod’s convicted conscience (vv. 7-8)
 - 1. Illustration- The power of a Spirit-filled life
 - 2. The humble carpenter made the powerful king tremble
- B. Life’s most important question (v. 9)
 - 1. Who is this?

IV. Conclusion

- A. Jesus was working through His followers
 - 1. Preach the truth (proclamation)
 - 2. Live the truth (comparison)