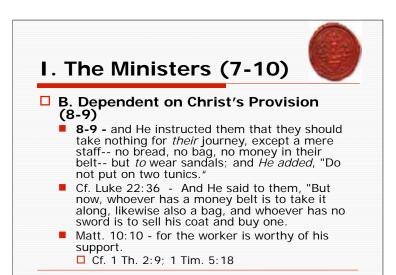
Jesus' Official Representatives

Mark 6:7-13





I. The Ministers (7-10)

A. Appointed by Christ's Authority (7)

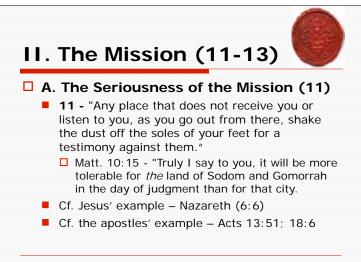
7 - And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

I. The Ministers (7-10)

C. Content with Christ's Provision (10)

- 10 And He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town.
- Matt. 10: 11 "And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave *that city*.

Why Pairs? Companionship Safety Mutual encouragement Past history Eccl. 4:9-12 – wise Jewish practice . Jewish alms collectors. Luke 7:18-19 – John the Baptist Acts 13:2-3; 15:39-41; 19:22 - the early church Mark 11:1; 14:13; Luke 10:1 – Jesus always sent out His disciples in this way The requirement for witnesses. Deut. 17:6 - "On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. Deut. 19:15 - "A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.



II. The Mission (11-13)



□ B. The Heart of the Mission (12-13)

- 12-13 They went out and preached that men should repent. And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.
- Matt. 10:5-6 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; 6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- Matt. 10: 7-8 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

Implications

- 1) Principles for all those who minister on Christ's behalf...
 - Appointed by Christ.
 - Dependant on God's provision thru His people.
 - Content with God's provision—whatever it is.
 - Regard the mission seriously.
 - Committed first and foremost to teaching and preaching—communicating on His behalf.

Implications

- **2)** Jesus sent out the 12 to minister in His place.
 - His official representatives.
 - His official proxies or delegates.
 - He delegated His unique authority to those to whom He chose.
 - And then He gives them specific gifts that authenticate them as His messengers and confirm their message.
 - Cf. 2 Cor. 12:12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.
 - □ <u>Heb. 2:1-4</u>