

Matthew 10:1-8

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles



Verse	Details	Keywords	Revelation	Application
Matthew 10:1	Jesus calls His twelve disciples and gives them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.	Authority (exousia) – delegated power; Drive out (ekballō) – cast out forcefully; Heal (therapeuō) – cure, restore.	Jesus shares His divine authority with His followers to continue His mission.	As Christ's disciple, rely on His authority to serve and minister, not on your own strength.
Matthew 10:2	The names of the twelve apostles are listed: first Simon (Peter) and Andrew; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew.	Apostles (apostolos) – sent ones, commissioned messengers.	Jesus calls ordinary people by name for extraordinary work.	Know that Jesus calls you personally for His mission.
Matthew 10:3	Continuing the list: Thomas, Matthew the tax collector, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus.	Names highlight diversity – from tax collector to doubter.	God's team includes people of varied backgrounds and personalities.	Value the different gifts and stories of those serving in God's kingdom.
Matthew 10:4	Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him, complete the list of the twelve.	Zealot – nationalist group; Betray (paradidōmi) – hand over to enemies.	Jesus knowingly included one who would betray Him, showing His sovereignty and redemptive plan.	Trust Jesus' plan even when people in your circle fail or oppose you.
Matthew 10:5	Jesus sends out the twelve with these instructions: Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.	Send (apostellō) – to send with authority; Gentiles (ethnos) – nations; Samaritans – mixed-heritage group.	His mission begins with Israel to fulfill God's covenant promises before reaching the nations.	Remember God's timing and strategy; His plan for outreach unfolds in stages.

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Matthew 10:6	Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.	Lost (apollymi) – perishing, wandering; Sheep – God’s covenant people needing a shepherd.	God’s covenant love starts with Israel as foretold by the prophets.	Pray for and witness to those closest to you as your first mission field.
Matthew 10:7	As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'	Proclaim (kērussō) – announce publicly; Kingdom of heaven – God’s reign breaking in.	The core message is God’s kingdom arriving through Jesus.	Keep the gospel central in all ministry and service.
Matthew 10:8	Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.	Heal (therapeuō) – restore; Raise (egeirō) – awaken from death; Freely give (dōrean) – without charge.	Ministry is an extension of God’s grace—power and gifts are given to bless others.	Serve generously without expecting payment, sharing God’s grace freely.

Summary Revelation

Jesus **equips and sends ordinary people with His own authority** to proclaim the kingdom, heal the sick, and confront evil. His mission begins with Israel but anticipates the world. **Freely given grace must be freely given away**, turning disciples into bold messengers of God’s kingdom.

Cross References

Matthew 10:1

Jesus calls His twelve disciples and gives them authority to drive out impure spirits and heal every disease and sickness.

- **Cross References**
 - Mark 3:14–15 – Jesus appoints the Twelve and gives them authority to cast out demons.
 - Luke 9:1 – He gives power and authority over demons and to cure diseases.
 - Acts 5:16 – Crowds bring the sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all are healed.
 - **Theme:** Jesus delegates His divine authority so His mission can multiply through His followers.
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Matthew 10:2

The names of the twelve apostles are listed: Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, and Bartholomew.

- **Cross References**
 - Mark 3:16–19; Luke 6:13–16 – Lists of the apostles.
 - Revelation 21:14 – The names of the twelve apostles on the New Jerusalem’s foundation stones.
 - **Theme:** Jesus knows and calls His messengers by name, affirming each one’s unique place in God’s plan.
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Matthew 10:3

Continuing the list: Thomas, Matthew the tax collector, James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus.

- **Cross References**
 - John 20:24–28 – Thomas’ journey from doubt to confession of faith.
 - Luke 5:27–28 – Matthew’s call from tax collecting to discipleship.

- **Theme:** God's team includes people of diverse backgrounds and personalities, showing His grace in every story.
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Matthew 10:4

Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

- **Cross References**
 - John 6:70–71 – Jesus knew who would betray Him.
 - Acts 1:16–20 – Prophecy fulfilled in Judas's betrayal.
 - **Theme:** Jesus' plan includes even those who will fail or oppose Him, demonstrating His sovereignty and redemption.
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Matthew 10:5

Jesus sends out the twelve, instructing them not to go among the Gentiles or enter Samaritan towns.

- **Cross References**
 - Matthew 15:24 – Jesus sent to the lost sheep of Israel.
 - Acts 1:8 – The gospel later expands to Samaria and the ends of the earth.
 - **Theme:** God's mission unfolds in stages—first to Israel, then to all nations.
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Matthew 10:6

Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

- **Cross References**
 - Ezekiel 34:11–16 – God promises to search for and rescue His lost sheep.
 - Luke 15:4–7 – Parable of the lost sheep.

- **Theme:** God's covenant love starts with His own people and then reaches outward.
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Matthew 10:7

As you go, proclaim: "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

- **Cross References**
 - Matthew 4:17 – Jesus begins His ministry with the same message.
 - Luke 10:9 – The kingdom of God has come near to you.
 - Daniel 2:44 – God's eternal kingdom will never be destroyed.
 - **Theme:** The heart of the gospel is announcing God's kingdom breaking into the world through Jesus.
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Matthew 10:8

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

- **Cross References**
 - Acts 3:6 – Peter heals a lame man in Jesus' name without payment.
 - 1 Corinthians 2:12 – We freely receive the Spirit so we can freely give.
 - Isaiah 61:1 – God's Spirit sends His servant to bring healing and freedom.
- **Theme:** Ministry is an extension of God's grace—freely received and freely shared.