

BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW





“These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

“And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

“Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.

“And whatever town or village you enter,
find out who is worthy in it and stay there
until you depart.

“As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

“And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.

“Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.”

Matthew 10:5-15

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Neglected - “The lost sheep of the house of Israel”

“Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not shepherds feed the flock?”

“You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the choice animals, but you do not feed the sheep!

“You have not strengthened the weak,
healed the sick, bandaged the injured,
brought back the strays, or sought the lost,
but with force and harshness you have
ruled over them.

“They were scattered because they had no shepherd . . . with no one looking or searching for them.”

Ezekiel 34:2b-6 (NET)

“The LORD who rules over all says to the people of Jerusalem: ‘Do not listen to what those prophets are saying to you. They are filling you with false hopes.’

“They are reporting visions of their own imaginations, not something the LORD has given them to say.

“They continually say to those who reject what the LORD has said, ‘Things will go well for you!’

“They say to all those who follow the stubborn inclinations of their own hearts, ‘Nothing bad will happen to you!’

“Yet which of them has ever stood in the LORD’s inner circle so they could see and hear what he has to say? Which of them have ever paid attention or listened to what he has said?”

Jeremiah 23:16-18

“For this is what the sovereign LORD says:
Look, I myself will search for my sheep and
seek them out.

“As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out my flock.

“I will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered on a cloudy, dark day . . . I myself will feed my sheep and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD.

“I will seek the lost and bring back the strays; I will bandage the injured and strengthen the sick.”

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-16a (NET)

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Share: “you received without paying give
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➡ The **Preparation** (8b-10)

Travel light: “acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts”

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Take nothing extra: “no bag for your journey,
or two tunics or sandals
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Trust and **Toil**: “for the laborer is worthy
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They affirm -

They honor - with the hope
of the kingdom of heaven

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With a powerful symbol:

With humble **sobriety**: “It will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town”

“And he said to them, ‘When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?’ They said, ‘Nothing.’”

“He said to them, ‘But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.’

“For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.”

Luke 22:35-37 (ESV)

One Prevailing Principle

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“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

“Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.”

Luke 12:32-33



May his presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, he is with you
In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, he is for you

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8:31-32