



**BEHOLD THE KING**

**MATTHEW**

“Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, ‘Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness.’”

2 Kings 1:2

“Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?”

2 Kings 1:3b

“Again the king sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and fell on his knees before Elijah and entreated him,

“O man of God, please let my life, and the life of these fifty servants of yours, be precious in your sight.”

2 Kings 1:13

to commission =

to call or appoint to a task and authorize

to carry out a mission

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To be called **by** Jesus  
is to be called **to** Jesus!

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29

“I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is  
that bears much fruit, for apart from me  
you can do nothing....

“As the Father has loved me, so have I  
loved you. Abide in my love....

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

John 15:5, 9, 16

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2. He gave them **authority**. (1b)



# 3 SETS OF MIRACLES - 3 CALLS



“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.”

Matthew 9:35

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“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them (9:36)

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“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (9:38)

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messenger, emissary

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[ John his brother

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[ Thomas and  
[ Matthew the tax collector

[ James, the son of Alphaeus and  
[ Thaddaeus

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[ Simon the Zealot, and  
Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him



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Zealot - kananaios = Cananaean









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Christ's commission highlights our union  
with him.

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“What **I tell you** in the dark, [you] say in the light” (27)

- The way you **love others** flows from the way you **love me** - (as I have loved you!)

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“Whoever loves father or mother **more than me** is not worthy of me” (37)

- When people receive you, they receive me -

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“Whoever receives you receives me” (40)

“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

Acts 9:4



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“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

“So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:

“shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you;

“not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”

1 Peter 5:1-3