

Commissioning Of The Twelve

A Synoptic Comparison

Matthew 10	Mark 3	Luke 6
<p>1 He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.</p> <p>2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;</p> <p>3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;</p> <p>4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.</p> <p>5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.</p> <p>6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.</p> <p>7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'</p> <p>8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.</p> <p>9 Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts;</p> <p>10 take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep.</p> <p>11 "Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay</p>	<p>3 Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him.</p> <p>14 He appointed twelve--designating them apostles--that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach</p> <p>15 and to have authority to drive out demons.</p> <p>16 These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);</p> <p>17 James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder);</p> <p>18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot</p> <p>19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.</p> <p>20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.</p> <p>21 When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."</p> <p>22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."</p> <p>23 So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?"</p> <p>24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.</p> <p>25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.</p>	<p>13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:</p> <p>14 Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,</p> <p>15 Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot,</p> <p>16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.</p> <p>17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon,</p> <p>18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured,</p> <p>19 and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.</p> <p>20 Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.</p> <p><i>(Note the preceding healing miracle, (see also Luke 9:1-5)</i></p>

<p>at his house until you leave.</p> <p>12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting.</p> <p>13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.</p> <p>14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town.</p> <p>15 I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.</p> <p>16 I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.</p> <p>17 "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues.</p> <p>18 On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.</p> <p>19 But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say,</p> <p>20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.</p> <p>21 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.</p> <p>stands firm to the end will be saved.</p> <p>23 When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.</p> <p>24 "A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.</p> <p>25 It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been</p>	<p>26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.</p> <p>27 In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house.</p> <p>28 I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them.</p> <p>29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."</p> <p>30 He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."</p> <p>31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.</p> <p>32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."</p> <p>33 "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.</p> <p>34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!</p> <p>35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."</p> <p>(Cf. Also Mark 6:7ff)</p>	
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<p>called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!</p> <p>26 "So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.</p> <p>27 What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.</p> <p>28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.</p> <p>29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father.</p> <p>30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.</p> <p>31 So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.</p> <p>32 "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.</p> <p>33 But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.</p> <p>34 "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.</p> <p>35 For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law--</p> <p>36 a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'</p> <p>37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;</p> <p>38 and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.</p> <p>39 Whoever finds his life will</p>		
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<p>lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.</p> <p>40 "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.</p> <p>41 Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.</p> <p>42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."</p>		
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