

Matthew 10 ENCORE

- 1) What did Jesus do in Matthew 10:1-5a?
- 2) What did Jesus send them to do (Matthew 10:7-8)?
- 3) What is our mission today?
 - a) Mark 16:14-15
 - b) Matthew 28:18-20
- 4) Why did Jesus send His twelve disciples out?
- 5) We cannot “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons” today. What can we do that would be similar?
- 6) Discuss what Jesus described in Matthew 10:16-19.
- 7) Read John 16:33 – what did Jesus say?
- 8) How did people treat Jesus (Matthew 10:25)?
- 9) How might some people treat you if you tell them about Jesus?
- 10) In what ways is the cost of following Jesus sometimes high (Matthew 10:21-22)?
- 11) Is the cost of not following Jesus lower?
- 12) What level of commitment is Jesus calling you to (Matthew 10:37-39)?
 - a) Why would someone take up a cross in Jesus’ day?
 - b) Why did Jesus take up His cross?
 - c) What key element of Christ-likeness does Jesus want you to learn from this?
- 13) In what ways can you be a better disciple this week?
- 14) In what ways can you be a better disciple maker this week?
- 15) The consequences for not following Jesus are clear; what else did He say (Matthew 10:42)?

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Monday (Matthew 11:5) The clear sign of the Messiah's presence was a time of true blessedness for all who know and follow him. Just think how glorious it will be and all the blessings we will share when he comes again! – heartlight.org

Tuesday (Matthew 11:1-6) John the Baptist had been thrown into prison by Herod and would be put to death shortly after this. As a result of his circumstances John was facing some doubts about Jesus. Unfortunately doubts are a common part of life. Even believers (or zealous prophets like John) can experience the sin of doubt. Jesus simple answer cuts to the heart of the problem; he told these disciples of John that He was doing the things that Messiah was to do (v.5-6). When you are tempted to doubt remember to trust in the solid truth of God's word. Your emotions may change, your circumstances will change but God's truth is eternal and unchanging.

Wednesday (Matthew 11:7-15) John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus, a godly man a zealous prophet, he was sent by God, and it seems obvious that the things of this world rated pretty low on his affections list. That is significant as we consider that even he experienced doubt. However, even more glorious are the words of Jesus "but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he"

Thursday (Matthew 11:16-24) The main message of verses 16-19 is this: look you can't have it both ways. People said John's ascetic (seeming) life meant he was crazy or demon possessed then they also said Jesus non-ascetic life meant He was a drunken partier! Jesus basically says consider the source! "wisdom is justified by her children." Here is the point; many people had preconceived notions about what it means to know God, what it means to be righteous and what it means to be religious – they were making it up as they went along. Both John the Baptist and Jesus were doing God's will but many people were not interested (in the least) because these two did not fit their fleshly mold of what it meant to be religious. Today I want you to think about this: how often do you find yourself saying things like this "well my opinion is" "well I believe this or that" "I think this or that about God". Be careful about your religious opinions, if they are not based squarely on God's word you are on dangerous ground.

Friday (Matthew 11:25-28) True rest comes from knowing God. King David reminds us of this in Psalm 23. Jesus makes it clear again. Only Jesus can fully reveal God to us. Only Jesus can take away the burden of seeking to please God without an understanding of grace. Only he can remove the burden of our past sins and enable us to stand holy, blameless, and free from accusation before God Almighty (Colossians 1:21-22). – heartlight.org

Saturday (Matthew 11:28-30) I guess we could call it the irony of discipleship. To follow Christ means that we give up everything and follow him. To follow Christ means that we receive untold blessings in this life and eternal life with God in the life to come. So is it hard? Yes, sometimes it is. But life is hard. Is the burden light as Jesus promised? Yes, because we know our lives are not lived in vain, that we are living life as God intended it, and when life is over, it isn't really over! We get to go home and be with our Lord! – heartlight.org