

March 6–12
Matthew 9–10; Mark 5; Luke 9
“These Twelve Jesus Sent Forth”



Twelve Apostles Called and Instructed

Matt 10:1,5-8

What were the Twelve commanded to do with the authority they had been given?

What do you think it means to be a “special witnesses of the name of Christ”?

Ezra Taft Benson

"The Master selected his Twelve. He named them; he sent them forth with the message, 'the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' They went to the lost sheep of the House of Israel....

"They enjoyed rich spiritual gifts. Simple ordinances were performed by men who had authority and had been commissioned. The apostolic ministry was characterized by every evidence that those engaged in it had divine authority to carry the message of the gospel and to administer in the affairs of the kingdom. They went forth freely without pay, because the Master had said, 'freely ye have received, freely give.'" (CR, Oct. 1949)

Joseph F. Smith

“These twelve disciples of Christ are supposed to be eye and ear witnesses of the divine mission of Jesus Christ. It is not permissible for them to say, I believe, simply; I have accepted it simply because I believe it. Read the revelation, the Lord informs us they must know, they must get the knowledge for themselves. It must be with them as though they had seen with their eyes and heard with their ears and they know the truth.” (CR, Apr. 1916)

Boyd K. Packer

"I have heard one of my brethren declare: 'I know from experiences, too sacred to relate, that Jesus is the Christ.'

"I have heard another testify: 'I know that God lives; I know that the Lord lives. And more than that, I know the Lord.'...

"I declare to you that I know that Jesus is the Christ. I know that he lives. He was born in the meridian of time. He taught his gospel, was tried, was crucified. He rose on the third day. He was the first fruits of the resurrection. He has a body of flesh and bone. Of this I bear testimony." (CR, Apr. 1971)

Henry B. Eyring

"I am grateful that I know as surely as did the Apostles Peter, James, and John that Jesus is the Christ, our risen Lord, and that he is our advocate with the Father." (CR, Oct. 1996)

Ezra Taft Benson

"As one of those called as special witnesses, I add my testimony to those of fellow Apostles: He lives! He lives with resurrected body. There is no truth or fact of which I am more assured, or know better by personal experience, than the truth of the literal resurrection of our Lord." ("Five Marks of the Divinity of Jesus Christ," Ensign Dec. 2001)

James E. Faust

"Mine is the certain knowledge that Jesus is our divine Savior, Redeemer, and the son of God the Father. I know of his reality by a sure perception so sacred I cannot give utterance to it." (CR, April 1995)

Spencer W. Kimball

"I know that God lives. I know that Jesus Christ lives,' said John Taylor, my predecessor, 'for I have seen him.' I bear this testimony to you." ("Strengthening the Family", Ensign, May 1978)

Boyd K. Packer

"I bear my witness that the Savior lives. I know the Lord. I am His witness. I know of His great sacrifice and eternal love for all of Heavenly Father's children. I bear my special witness in all humility but with absolute certainty" (CR, April 2014)

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Matt 10:16-28

JST Matt 10:14

...be ye, therefore, wise servants and as harmless as doves.

What does it mean to endure to the end?

How can we avoid those who would destroy our souls?

Marvin J. Ashton

“What does it take to endure in the race for eternal life, to become a champion?”

“To become a winner in the race for eternal life requires effort—constant work, striving, and enduring well with God’s help. But the key is that we must take it just one step at a time.

“The ingredient that is essential in learning to endure is consistent effort. In our race for eternal life, pain and obstacles will confront all of us. We may experience heartaches, sorrow, death, sins, weakness, disasters, physical illness, pain, mental anguish, unjust criticism, loneliness, or rejection. How we handle these challenges determines whether they become stumbling stones or building blocks. To the valiant these challenges make progress and development possible.” (CR, Oct. 1948)

Spencer W. Kimball

"The human destructionist can inject into other human lives in a short time the doubt and skepticism which can mean total loss of faith.... The damage to faith of an individual done by an iconoclast, whether deliberate or not, may take years or ages of rebuilding, if it is ever fully restored....

"In our own Society, the murderer who kills the body is hunted, imprisoned, and executed, but the character who kills the soul by implanting doubt and shattering faith is... often retained in high places. The body which is killed will rise again in the resurrection with little damage to its eternal welfare, but he whose faith has been shattered may suffer long ages before complete restoration of spiritual stature can be had, if at all....

"Far better to take from a man his flocks or herds, his lands or wealth, even his sight or limbs, than to be responsible for the loss of his faith." (CR, April 1948)

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Matt 10:32-42

That does it mean take up the cross and follow Him?

What does it mean to lose your life for Christ's sake?

What must we do to so that we “receive” those whom the Lord has sent?

JST Matt 16:25–26, 29

25) If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

26) And now for a man to take up his cross, is to deny himself all ungodliness, and every worldly lust, and keep my commandments.

29) Therefore, forsake the world, and save your souls

Ezra Taft Benson

“Men and women who turn their lives over to God will discover that He can make a lot more out of their lives than they can. He will deepen their joys, expand their vision, quicken their minds, strengthen their muscles, lift their spirits, multiply their blessings, increase their opportunities, comfort their souls, raise up friends, and pour out peace. Whoever will lose his life in the service of God will find eternal life.” (“Jesus Christ—Gifts and Expectations”, Ensign, Dec. 1988)

Marion G. Romney

“This statement is worth emphasizing. ‘He that receiveth my servants receiveth me.’ Who are his servants? They are his representatives in the offices of the Priesthood—the General, Stake, Priesthood Quorum, and Ward officers. It behooves us to keep this in mind when we are tempted to disregard our presiding authorities, bishops, quorum and stake presidents, etc., when, within the jurisdiction of their callings, they give us counsel and advice. Remember that the Lord Jesus said:... ‘He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward.’” (CR, Oct 1960)

Follow Christ at Any Cost

Luke 9:57-62

What is the Lord's message to those who would follow Him?

LeGrand Richards

"Jesus fully understood the necessity of the preaching of the gospel unto all nations, and that this could only be done by great sacrifice, as evidenced by his own statements: (quotes Luke 9:57-58).

"In other words, it would appear that Jesus wanted to make it plain to this 'certain man,' and all other men who might want to follow him in the ministry in the future (and we take it that this is the reason the statement became scripture), that he had nothing to offer them in the way of monetary consideration for following him, not even a place to lay their heads. (quotes Luke 9:59-62).

"In other words, Jesus wanted it to be understood that nothing was to stand in the way of preaching the kingdom of God, not even the care of one's dead or the saying of farewell." (A Marvelous Work and a Wonder, pg. 247)

Jesus Heals the Sick

Mark 5:25-34

How did this women demonstrate her faith in Christ?

Quentin L. Cook

“The Savior did not see her; He had not focused on her need. But her faith was such that touching the border of the garment drew upon the healing power of the Son of God.

“As the Savior said to her, ‘Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.’

“I have contemplated this account all my adult life. I realize that our personal prayers and supplications to a loving Father in Heaven in the name of Jesus Christ can bring blessings into our lives beyond our ability to comprehend. The foundations of faith, the kind of faith that this woman demonstrated, should be the great desire of our hearts.” (CR, April 2017)

Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter From the Dead

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

What was the message to Jairus when he was told that his daughter had died?

Gordon B. Hinckley

“The problem with most of us is that we are afraid. We want to do the right thing, but we are troubled by fears and we sit back and the world drifts about us.

“I confess to you that by nature I was a very timid boy. When I left to go on a mission my great father said, ‘I want to give you only one verse of scripture.’ I think this has become, perhaps, the greatest help of my life, these words of the Lord to the ruler of the synagogue whose daughter was reported dead. And the Lord turned to the ruler of the synagogue and said: ‘Be not afraid, only believe.’ I commend to you these wonderful words of the Lord as you think of your responsibilities and opportunities.” (Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley, pg. 129)

Next Week:

March 13–19

Matthew 11–12; Luke 11

“I Will Give You Rest”

