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The King and His Glory / Calling / Matthew 10:1-15

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Pre-sermon Comments

Matthew 10:2-4 LSB

² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

Introduction to our Text

Proposition and Outline

In the commissioning of the twelve apostles in [Matthew 10:1-4](#), Matthew shows us three ways Jesus prepared and sent them. Jesus:

- **Called His Apostles—and He Calls You to Himself ([Matt 10:1a](#))**
- **Commissioned His Apostles—and He Commissions You for His Work ([Matt 10:1b](#))**
- **Chose His Apostles—and He Has Chosen You ([Matthew 10:2-4](#))**

Review

Matthew 4:23 LSB

²³ And Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

Matthew 9:35 LSB

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Faithful Ministry is Complete ([Matthew 9:35](#))

Matthew 9:35 LSB

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Acts 1:8 LSB

⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to THE END OF THE EARTH.”

Matthew 28:19–20 LSB

¹⁹ “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to keep all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Faithful Ministry is Compassionate ([Matthew 9:36](#))

Matthew 9:36 LSB

³⁶ And seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.

Faithful Ministry is Crucial ([Matthew 9:37-38](#))

Matthew 9:37–38 LSB

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ “Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Matthew 9:38 LSB

³⁸ “Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Matthew 10:6 LSB

⁶ but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 10:7 LSB

⁷ “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

The very ones who were praying are the ones who become the ones going and preaching. You see, when they had begun to see the world as Christ saw it, when they had looked with the eyes of Jesus, when they had felt with the heart of compassion that He had, then they would begin to pray, and as they began to pray, they would begin also to see that they needed to go. To warn men about the judgment, to invite them into the kingdom. ~ John MacArthur

Discussion Questions

What stood out to you most from the introduction—especially the story of Polycarp?

When you think of “a long line of faithful Christians,” who comes to your mind personally?

Who passed the faith down to you?

Take the time to praise the Lord for that person!

Pastor Brandon reminded us that GBC exists to *exalt God, exposit His Word, equip the saints, and evangelize the lost.*

Which of these four elements of our POM do you personally resonate with the most—and why?

Which one do you feel most challenged by right now?

How does remembering our church’s philosophy of ministry help us guard against drifting into spiritual complacency or consumer Christianity?

Reflect on Polycarp’s faith—rooted in the apostles’ testimony—and our place in that same chain.

How does the story of Polycarp challenge or encourage your own walk with Christ?

Why is it significant that Polycarp had never seen Jesus, yet believed with such conviction?

In what ways does God use human witnesses—not just facts—to grow our faith?

Who has “discipled you by their witness” even if you never met them (authors, preachers, missionaries, etc.)?

Pastor Brandon emphasized that Jesus called ordinary men—fishermen, tax collectors, zealots.

Why do you think Jesus chose such ordinary and diverse men to be His apostles?

How does this encourage us in our own calling and weaknesses?

What does it look like for Jesus to “call you to Himself” before He ever calls you to serve?

Which aspect of faithful ministry—Complete, Compassionate, or Crucial—do you think is most lacking in the American church today?

Which one do you personally feel most convicted by?

Jesus prayed for more workers—what does that reveal about His heart for the lost?

Pastor Brandon said, “You may be the answer to your own prayer.”

How have you seen that happen in your life?

Where might God be nudging you to step into the harvest?

What are ways we can be more intentional witnesses in our own community?

How do we guard against sharing truth without love—or love without truth?

How can our small group embody being “models of faithfulness” to one another?

What is one practical step you can take this week to:

Strengthen your witness?

Grow in compassion?

Pray for and participate in the harvest?

Who is one person the Lord may be calling you to pursue spiritually?

Matthew 10:1 LSB

¹ And summoning His twelve disciples, Jesus gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Acts 13:1-2 LSB

¹ Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

The Concentric Circles

The outer circle

John 2:23–25 LSB

²³ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, when they saw His signs which He was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, ²⁵ and because He had no need that anyone bear witness concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

John 6:57–58 LSB

⁵⁷ “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ “This is the bread which came down out of heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

John 6:60–66 LSB

⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? ⁶² “*What* then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? ⁶³ “The Spirit is the One who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. ⁶⁴ “But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.” ⁶⁶ As a result of this many of His disciples went away and were not walking with Him anymore.

A tighter circle

Luke 10:1 LSB

¹ Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.

Luke 10:17 LSB

¹⁷ Now the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

Acts 1:15 LSB

¹⁵ And in those days, Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers (a crowd of about 120 persons was there together), and said,

Acts 1:21–23 LSB

²¹ “Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— ²² beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.

Luke 8:1–3 LSB

¹ And it happened that soon afterward He was going around from one city and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, ² and *also* some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s manager, and Susanna, and many others who were ministering to them from their possessions.

Matthew 27:55–56 LSB

⁵⁵ And many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee while ministering to Him. ⁵⁶ Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

John 20:11–14 LSB

¹¹ But Mary was standing outside the tomb crying; and so, as she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ And they said to her, “Woman, why are you crying?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus.

John 19:38 LSB

³⁸ Now after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body.

John 19:39 LSB

³⁹ And Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, *weighing* about one hundred litras.

Inner circle of the twelve

Ephesians 2:20 LSB

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

The Apostles and prophets are a class apart, and therefore for people to claim that they are as uniquely and directly and divinely inspired as the Apostles and prophets is to contradict the plain teaching of Scripture. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Welsh Preacher and Writer)**

The men whom Christ chose to be His apostles were not kings, nor priests, nor scribes. They were common men, taken from the common people, to teach the common people. ~ JC Ryle

It is thus emphasized that all the apostles (the Twelve, Matthias, and Paul) were neither self-appointed nor appointed by any human being, committee, synod, or church, but were directly and personally chosen and appointed by Jesus Christ himself. ~ **John Stott (English Preacher)**

Matthew 10:1 LSB

¹ And summoning His twelve disciples, Jesus gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

There was a conversion phase, a calling-to-Himself training phase, a first-experience phase, and then a final sending. ~ John MacArthur

First Step: He converted them

Matthew 9:9 LSB

⁹ And as Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax office; and He said to him, “Follow Me!” And he stood up and followed Him.

John 1:35–37 LSB

³⁵ On the next day, John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ And the two disciples heard him speak and followed Jesus.

John 1:41–42 LSB

⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. When Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

John 1:43–44 LSB

⁴³ On the next day, He desired to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, “Follow Me.”

John 1:43–44 LSB

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

John 1:45–51 LSB

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and *also* the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ And Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said about him, “Behold, truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to Him, “From where do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see THE HEAVENS OPENED AND THE ANGELS OF GOD ASCENDING AND DESCENDING on the Son of Man.”

Second Step: He disciplined them

Matthew 4:18–22 LSB

¹⁸ Now as *Jesus* was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ²¹ And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. ²² And immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

They were called out of their employment, they were called away from their livelihood, and they were grown men, they were called away from everything they ever knew about making a living and they were called to follow Jesus around for three years to be trained. This was their schooling. ~ John MacArthur

Matthew 5:1 LSB

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

Matthew 8:23–27 LSB

²³ And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was sleeping. ²⁵ And they came to *Him* and got Him up, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!” ²⁶ And He said to them, “Why are you so cowardly, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. ²⁷ And the men marveled, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

Discussion Questions

What does Matthew mean when he says Jesus “summoned” (proskaleō) His disciples?

How does the idea of “calling toward” help us understand the nature of Jesus’s call?

Why is it significant that Jesus called the Twelve to Himself before He sent them out?

What does this reveal about the relationship between intimacy with Jesus and ministry for Jesus?

How does seeing the “concentric circles” of Jesus’s followers (outer, tighter, inner) help clarify what true discipleship looks like?

In what ways were the apostles “ordinary men”? How does this highlight God’s sovereignty and grace in choosing them?

The outer circle followed Jesus for His miracles, not His person. What are some modern examples of people who follow Jesus for the wrong reasons?

The tighter circle included true believers who weren’t part of the Twelve. What does this tell us about the different roles within the body of Christ?

Which “circle” do you think many church-goers today fall into—and why?

Discuss the four phases of the apostles’ development (conversion, discipleship, first experience, final sending).

Why is it important that Jesus formed them slowly rather than instantly?

Looking at your own life, which phase do you think best reflects your current stage of spiritual growth—and why?

What did Jesus use in the lives of the apostles to grow their faith? What similar things has He done in your life?

Jesus calls every believer first to Himself before He calls them to service. Are there areas of life, comfort, or security that Jesus might be calling you to “leave behind,” like the fishermen leaving their nets?

How do trials and storms—like the disciples faced in [Matthew 8](#)—shape your trust in Jesus? Can you share an example from your life?

The apostles grew because they stayed near Jesus. What spiritual habits help you stay near Him? What habits tend to pull you away?

Before commissioning the apostles, Jesus first gathered them to Himself. How does this order challenge our tendency to focus on doing rather than being?

What has Jesus entrusted you with today? In what ways is He calling you to step into obedience, even if small?

How might God use our church if more believers embraced Jesus’s call to be trained and then sent? What role could your group play in that work?

The teacher shared his own testimony of gradual formation over many years. How have you seen Jesus be patient and faithful to shape you?

What is one specific area where you need to trust Jesus’s ongoing work of formation this week?

Matthew 10:1 LSB

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Acts 1:8 LSB

⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to THE END OF THE EARTH.”

Third Step: He sent them on a short-term missions trip

Mark 6:7 LSB

⁷ And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and was giving them authority over the unclean spirits;

Conclusion:

Isaiah 45:22 LSB

²² “Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.

Discussion Questions

Why did Jesus send the Twelve out on a short-term mission before sending them into all the world? What does this reveal about how Jesus trains His followers?

What does it mean that Jesus gave them “authority”?

In what ways does Jesus delegate authority to believers today?

Jesus sent the disciples in pairs ([Mark 6:7](#)). Why do you think mutual support, accountability, and partnership are essential in ministry?

Pastor Brandon described four steps in the apostles’ formation: conversion → discipleship → short-term missions → full sending. Which step do you feel you’re currently in? What evidence points to that stage?

Where in your life have you seen the Lord slowly shape, teach, and stretch you—just as He did with the Twelve? How has He prepared you through past trials or experiences?

Jesus doesn’t leave disciples where He finds them. In what area do you sense Him calling you to more growth now?

In [Matthew 9:38](#), Jesus told the disciples to pray for workers—then He sent them. Why do you think God often answers our prayers by making us part of the solution?

What fears or hesitations hold you back from stepping into the spiritual harvest around you?

What would obedience look like in spite of those fears?

Have you ever experienced being “sent” by God—into a conversation, ministry opportunity, or act of service?

How did God use that step of obedience?

Pastor Brandon said, “Every Christian should be discipled and discipling others.” Do you feel you are doing both right now? What barriers do you face?

Who is one person ahead of you in the faith that you could ask to help disciple you? And who is one person behind you that you could begin pouring into?

Why do you think sanctification is not linear? How can remembering this help us show grace to others (and ourselves)?

Parents: Are you taking advantage of the natural discipleship opportunities in your home? What is one practical step you could begin this week?

For those without children at home: Who are the “spiritual children” God has placed around you that need encouragement, teaching, or modeling?

Reflect on the Spurgeon conversion story. Why is it significant that God used an untrained, unknown layman to bring the gospel to Spurgeon? What does that teach us about our availability to God?

Have you ever underestimated your usefulness to God because of lack of education, experience, or gifting? How does Scripture challenge that mindset?

What is one simple act of faithfulness you could do this week that God might use in someone else's life?

If Jesus were to send you on a "short-term mission" this week—where might that be?

- A coworker?
- A neighbor?
- A family member?
- A hurting person?
- A new believer?

What step of obedience do you sense the Lord is calling you to take in response to this sermon?

The Gospel

God

Created and owns everything

[Gen 1:1](#)—*In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth*

[Psalms 24:1](#)—*The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it.*

Is Perfectly Holy

[1 John 1:5](#)—*This is the message we heard from Him and announce to you that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.*

[Matt 5:48](#)—*Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Requires perfect obedience to His Law

[James 2:10](#)—*for whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*

Man

Has broken God's law

[Rom 3:10,23](#)—*there is none righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Will pay the eternal penalty for his sin

[Rom. 6:23](#)—*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*

Cannot save himself by his good works

[Titus 3:5](#)—*He saved us not based on works which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.*

Christ

Came to earth both as God and sinless man

[Col 2:9](#)—For in Him the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form

Demonstrated God's love by dying on the cross to pay sin's penalty

[Rom 5:8](#)—But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

[2 Cor 5:21](#)—He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Rose from the grave and is alive today

[1 Cor 15:4](#)—And that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

Sinners

Must repent of all that dishonors God

[Isa 55:7](#)—Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

[Luke 9:23](#)—if anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Must believe in Christ as Lord and Savior

[Rom 10:9](#)—that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

Will you repent and believe in Christ?

[Acts 17:30](#)—therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance God is declaring to men that all everywhere should repent.

Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Brandon or Pastor Keith if you have any questions about this sermon or if you would like to know how to follow Christ.

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Additional Quotes

The man who is in the direct line from the Apostles is the man who preaches the doctrine of the Apostles, the man who has the spirit of the Apostles in him. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

The apostles at that time first preached the Gospel but later, by the will of God, they delivered it to us in the Scriptures, that it might be the foundation and pillar of our faith. ~ **Irenaeus; Jerome**

They are never spoken of as apostles of the church but always as apostles of Jesus Christ. ~ **John F. MacArthur**

The apostles also knew that they were to witness in an extraordinary, supernatural sense. Because they were apostles, God spoke authoritatively through them, so that what they said as apostles carried the force of divine teaching or Scripture. ~ **James Montgomery Boice**

It was not the Apostles' *physical* nearness to Jesus Christ that made them what they were. It was their *spiritual* nearness. ~

Warren W. Wiersbe

The church's foundation, that is, the apostles and prophets, needed to be correctly aligned with Christ. ~ **Harold W.**

Hoehner

Jesus instructed the apostles not to leave Jerusalem until the Father fulfilled his promise to them and they were "clothed with power from on high" (to quote from the parallel narrative of [Luke 24:49](#)) ~ **Frederick Fyvie Bruce (Professor)**

The apostles were entrusted with the gospel for us by the Lord Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ was sent from God. Christ therefore was from the Father, and the apostles from Christ. ~ **Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35–107)**

We have learned the plan of our salvation from those through whom the Gospel has come down to us... for they first preached it abroad, and then later, by the will of God, delivered it to us in the Scriptures." ~ Iranaeus

The apostles, having been appointed by the Lord Himself, were filled with the same authority which He had, and they founded churches in every city. ~ **Tertullian (c. 155–220)**

The apostles, who were filled with the Holy Spirit, preached through the whole world the knowledge of God, and left their writings to be the foundations of faith. ~ **Clement of Alexandria (c. 150–215)**

"The apostles saw the Lord in the flesh, and they believed in Him. They touched Him, and they believed. They saw Him ascend into heaven, and they believed. What they saw, they have told us." ~ **Augustine of Hippo (354–430)**

Those whom Christ chose as apostles were not chosen for their noble birth, nor for their education, but in order that His power might be made perfect in their weakness. ~ **Augustine of Hippo (354–430)**

Christ did not choose rich men, nor learned men, but poor and unlearned fishermen, that He might show His power more clearly in their weakness." ~ **John Calvin (1509–1564)**

The apostles were set apart for the highest office: to be the ambassadors of Christ to the world, and the first founders of His Church. ~ **John Calvin (1509–1564)**

The apostles were simple men, without influence or learning, yet through them Christ conquered the world. ~ **Martin Luther (1483–1546)**

The apostles were guided infallibly in the doctrine they taught, for they were the foundation upon which Christ Himself built His Church. ~ **John Owen (1616–1683)**

Christ's calling of the apostles shows that He chooses the weak things of the world to confound the mighty, and the foolish things to confound the wise. ~ **Matthew Henry (1662–1714)**

These twelve men were the beginnings of that new creation of God, and through them God shook the foundations of the world. ~ **A. W. Tozer (1897–1963)**

The apostles were eyewitnesses of the risen Christ; this fact was the cornerstone of all their preaching and all their authority. ~ **F. F. Bruce (1910–1990)**

Jesus chose twelve ordinary men—uneducated, untrained, and in many cases unlikely—to be the foundation stones of His church. Their greatness came not from who they were, but from what Christ made them. ~ **John MacArthur (1939–2025)**

Jesus' selection and commissioning of the Twelve is a sovereign act that establishes them as authorized representatives of the kingdom and as the heirs of Israel's eschatological hope. ~ **D. A. Carson (1946-)**

Matthew 10:2-4 LSB

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