

Honest Evangelism Part One (Matthew 10:5-25)

Introduction

- What is Jesus teaching in Matthew 10?
- What is happening in Matthew 9:35 – 10:42?
- Why is our passage like the ripples a rock makes when it is dropped into a stream?

Matthew 10:5-15

- Where, v5-6, are the disciples to go?
- What, v7-8, are they to do?
- What, v9-10, preparations are they to make?
- Where, v11-13, are they to stay?
- What, v14-15, are they to do if they are rejected?

Matthew 10:16-25

- What happens when we reach v16?

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- What is meant by the picture in v16?
- What, v17-18, sorts of scary things might happen to us when we preach the gospel?

- Give some examples of this happening.
- What encouragement does the Lord give in view of this in v19-20?
- What does the Holy Spirit do for us in general?
- How is this reassuring?

*ii Evangelism brings us into conflict with our nearest and dearest... but the Lord gives salvation to those who persevere*

- What can the gospel do to families according to v21?
- How does this typically work out in UK life?
- What encouragement does the Lord give in view of this in v22?
- What does this salvation include?

*iii Evangelism brings us abuse... but all that does is conform us to Christ's likeness*

- What might Jesus mean in v23?
- What, v24-25, sorts of abuse did Jesus receive?
- What can we expect, then?
- What encouragement does the Lord give in view of this?
- How does this understanding transform our suffering for the gospel?

Conclusion

- How does v15 show us that it is worth keeping on preaching the gospel?
- What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?