

Matthew 10:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Analysis

Jesus' calling 'his twelve disciples' shows intentional selection and training before commissioning. Giving them 'power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness' demonstrates delegated authority—they would minister in His name and power. This commissioning shows the kingdom advancing through multiplication of workers, not Jesus working alone. Their authority was both spiritual (demons) and physical (disease).

Historical Context

The Twelve had followed Jesus for months, observing His ministry. Now He sends them to replicate it. This pattern (training then commissioning) models leadership development. The authority given was real but derived—effective only as they remained connected to Jesus.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' model of training disciples before sending challenge modern ministry?
2. What authority has Jesus delegated to you, and how are you using it?

Interlinear Text

καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητὰς αὐτὰ

And when he had called twelve disciples them

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ἔδωκεν αὐτὰ ἔξουσίαν πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων ὅστε

he gave them power spirits against unclean to

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πᾶσαν μαλακίαν

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Additional Cross-References

Luke 10:19 (Parallel theme): Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 24:49 (Parallel theme): And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:8 (Spirit): But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

John 3:27 (Parallel theme): John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

Luke 6:13 (Parallel theme): And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;