

# Matthew 11:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

## Analysis

After commissioning the Twelve, 'Jesus departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities' (μετεβη εκειθεν του διδασκειν και κηρυσσειν εν ταις πολεσιν αυτων). Jesus doesn't cease ministry while sending disciples; He multiplies it. 'Their cities' refers to Galilean towns where He ministered. 'Teach' (διδασκειν) and 'preach' (κηρυσσειν) represent comprehensive ministry: instruction and proclamation. This models ministry multiplication: Jesus delegates to the Twelve while continuing His own work. The kingdom advances through both personal ministry and trained workers. Effective leadership develops others while maintaining personal engagement.

## Historical Context

Galilean ministry centered in synagogues where Jesus taught Scripture and proclaimed the kingdom. His itinerant pattern visited multiple towns, maximizing gospel reach. Early church continued this multiplication model: apostles established churches while continuing missionary journeys. Paul trained Timothy and Titus while planting new churches. This pattern—personal ministry plus trained workers—characterized effective gospel expansion throughout church history.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus model both personal ministry and leadership development?
2. What does ministry multiplication teach about effective kingdom expansion?
3. How can we maintain personal engagement while delegating to others?

## Interlinear Text

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And it came to pass when had made an end G3588 Jesus of commanding  
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τοῖς δώδεκα μαθηταῖς αὐτῶν μετέβη ἐκεῖθεν τοῦ  
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διδάσκειν καὶ κηρύσσειν ἐν ταῖς πόλεσιν αὐτῶν  
to teach And to preach in cities their  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 10:38** (References Jesus): How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

**Matthew 9:35** (References Jesus): And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

**Luke 8:1** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

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