



## REVIEW THE TEXT

Matthew 10:1-4

## REVIEW THE SERMON

### Context

Finite creatures, such as every one of us, are unable to generate reality. We do not possess self-empowering abilities. We are not God. Society says, "Whatever you believe, you can achieve." "Just believe in yourself and you can do anything you put your mind to." Those ideas are categorically false. There are no special Christian classes of people, only ordinary people with an extraordinary Christ. Matthew presents the sending of the first Kingdom missionaries for the Kingdom mission.

### Main Points

- I. Jesus called ordinary men to an extraordinary mission
- II. Jesus gave extraordinary authority to ordinary men

### Interpretative Points

- *Apostle*  
Only twelve in Matthew the 12 are called by this title. These are the sent ones who formed the foundation of the Church.
- *The List of Names*  
Peter is always listed first, and Matthew makes specific mention of his status as leader among leaders with the word "first." Judas always comes last, and the three groups of four men also have leaders who are always listed first. There was structure and order within the 12.
- *Cananaean*  
Not Canaanite, but "Zealot."

## MAKE APPLICATION

- ✚ What are dangers of Christian hero-worship? What are signs we have an imbalanced perspective of other Christians, whether from history or today?
- ✚ How are authority structures challenged in our day? Why should Christians embrace structured authority?
- ✚ How can we know the Father with accuracy and clarity? What are you doing to become a better theologian?
- ✚ What keeps you from pursuing the Kingdom mission work all around you?
- ✚ What are signs that you trust yourself to do God's work? That you are trying to drum up achievement in a spiritual sense because you believe in yourself?
- ✚ At this mid-point in the week, how are we doing at not wasting our week through self-trust?

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