



Jesus Sends Laborers into the Harvest

Luke 10:1 - 16

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"Before His face"

- **Luke 10:1** (NKJV)

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The 70 continue John the Baptist's role

- Luke 7:27 JTB sent "before Your face" (Mal. 3:1)
- Luke 9:51 Jesus "set His face to go"
- Luke 9:52 "sent messengers before His face"
- Luke 10:1 sent the 70 "before His face"
- Isaiah 50:7 "I have set my face like flint"

 Why 70 (72)?

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 The 70 foreshadow a mission to the whole world

- Gen. 10 Table of Nations = 70 (72 LXX)
- Gen. 46:27 70 persons went to Egypt
- Deut. 32:8 boundaries of nations set according to the number of sons of Israel
- Num. 11:16 70 elders to help Moses

 The mission is urgent

- **Luke 10:2**
And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

 The mission is dangerous and urgent, they must travel light

■ **Luke 10:3, 4**

“Go your ways; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way.”

 “Peace” is an offer of Messianic Salvation

■ **Luke 10:5**

Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace be to this house.”

 Peace in Luke/Acts often means “salvation”

- Luke 1:79 guide us to peace
- Luke 2:14 peace (angels announce)
- Luke 7:50 “saved” go in peace
- Luke 8:48 “saved” go in peace
- Luke 19:42 “things that make for peace”
- Acts 10:36 “preaching peace through Jesus Christ”

 A “son of peace” will welcome the offer of Messianic salvation, others reject it

■ **Luke 10:6** (NKJV)

And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

 They should accept table fellowship from the “son of peace”

■ **Luke 10:7**

Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house.

 If they “receive” *dechomai* the messengers they receive the message

■ **Luke 10:8**

Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you;

 In Luke/Acts, healing, deliverance, “release” from sin, and “peace” are evidence of the presence of Messianic salvation.

- **Luke 10:9**
and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

 To reject the messengers is to reject the message and face judgment

- **Luke 10:10, 11**
But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.”

 Whether received or rejected, when the gospel is preached the kingdom has come near

- **Luke 10:9** “the kingdom of God has come near” salvation
- **Luke 10:11** “the kingdom of God has come near” judgment

 The day of judgment will be worse for those who rejected the gospel

■ **Luke 10:12**

I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

 Rejecting Messianic salvation brings severe judgment

■ **Luke 10:13 - 15**

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you. And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades!”

 To reject gospel preachers and their message is to reject Christ

■ **Luke 10:16**

“The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.”

 **Applications and Implications**

- 1) Pray for God to raise up and send forth bold gospel preachers
- 2) Peace is the result of receiving Messianic salvation
- 3) The gospel must be preached to all because we do not know who the sons of peace are

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■ **Romans 10:1**

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

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■ **Romans 10:12, 13**

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him; "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

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■ **Romans 10:14**

How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

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■ **Romans 10:15**

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!"

 2) Peace is the result of receiving Messianic salvation

■ **Romans 5:1**

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

■ **Romans 5:9**

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

 3) The gospel must be preached to all because we do not know who the sons of peace are

■ **John 10:16**

And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd.

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■ **John 6:37, 39**

All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. . . . And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

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■ **2Timothy 2:10**

For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

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■ **Acts 18:9, 10**

And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."
