

MATTHEW 10; July 30; The Cost of True Discipleship

ANALYSIS:

1. To whom were the 12 apostles to preach the gospel during Jesus' earthly ministry? _____
2. Because of their preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, how would most men feel about the apostles? _____
3. Who were the apostles supposed to fear? _____
4. What does our Father in heaven know the number of? _____
5. Did Jesus come to send peace on the earth like most people think today? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Our Lord Jesus Christ plainly spells out the cost of discipleship in this chapter. No man is a worthy disciple if he ever loves anyone or anything more than Jesus Christ. Furthermore, a man is not worthy of Christ unless he takes up his cross and follows Jesus Christ daily. The life of the true disciple of Jesus Christ is a life of sacrifice and discipline. His life must be focused on pleasing and promoting the Lord Jesus Christ in everything. The Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of our best efforts and our most diligent devotion for his service. After all, he gave himself for our sins on the cross of Calvary.

Have you taken up your cross in following the Lord Jesus Christ today? What have you given up for him? Is there anything or anyone that you love more than Jesus Christ? What could you give up today to show him that he is the focal point of your life, energies, and ambitions? Never forget that he is completely worthy of your greatest sacrifice for his name.

Jesus calls us to love and serve Him in spite of fierce family opposition which may occur. Verses 34-36 explains a person may find himself or herself facing antagonism from near family members. Caution: Do not mistake your carnal rebellion against parental or other authority as loyal obedience to Jesus Christ.

HELP:

1. They were only sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel during Jesus' earthly ministry (v 6).
2. They would be hated by most of the men who did not believe what they were teaching (v 22).
3. The Father in heaven who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell (v 28).
4. The very number of the hairs on your head (v 30).
5. No, Jesus came to send a sword of division in the midst of families and households for the gospel's sake (vv 34-36).