

Jesus Sends Disciples to Do Mission Work

10 After this, the Lord appointed 70^[a] other disciples to go ahead of him to every city and place that he intended to go. They were to travel in pairs.

2 He told them, "The harvest is large, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord who gives this harvest to send workers to harvest his crops. **3** Go! I'm sending you out like lambs among wolves. **4** Don't carry a wallet, a traveling bag, or sandals, and don't stop to greet anyone on the way. **5** Whenever you go into a house, greet the family right away with the words, 'May there be peace in this house.' **6** If a peaceful person lives there, your greeting will be accepted. But if that's not the case, your greeting will be rejected. **7** Stay with the family that accepts you. Eat and drink whatever they offer you. After all, the worker deserves his pay. Do not move around from one house to another. **8** Whenever you go into a city and the people welcome you, eat whatever they serve you. **9** Heal the sick that are there, and tell the people, 'God's kingdom is near you!'

10 "But whenever you go into a city and people don't welcome you, leave. Announce in its streets, **11** 'We are wiping your city's dust from our feet in protest against you! But realize that God's kingdom is near you!' **12** I can guarantee that judgment day will be easier for Sodom than for that city.

13 "How horrible it will be for you, Chorazin! How horrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! If the miracles worked in your cities had been worked in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed the way they thought and acted. Long ago they would have worn sackcloth and sat in ashes. **14** Judgment day will be better for Tyre and Sidon than for you. **15** And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to heaven? No, you will go to hell!

16 "The person who hears you hears me, and the person who rejects you rejects me. The person who rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

17 The 70 disciples came back very happy. They said, "Lord, even demons obey us when we use the power and authority of your name!"

18 Jesus said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning. **19** I have given you the authority to trample snakes and scorpions and to destroy the enemy's power. Nothing will hurt you. **20** However, don't be happy that evil spirits obey you. Be happy that your names are written in heaven."

Footnotes

a. 10:1 Some manuscripts have "72."