



Introduction

Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and warns of the consequences.



Questions

1. When Jesus sent his disciples out preaching, what did he tell them to say, and what were they to do?
2. What sort of opposition did Jesus tell his disciples to expect when he sent them out?
3. What did Jesus say he came to do?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** Jesus selects his 12 disciples and gives them power to heal
- **v 5 to 15** Jesus sends his disciples out to the Jews to teach and heal. He tells them not to take money or spare clothing but to accept the hospitality that is offered
- **v 16 to 23** Jesus warns of opposition to their teaching and tells them that they will be highly unpopular with authorities and family
- **v 24 to 33** He tells them to expect the same treatment that he is having. He says that they should fear the one who can destroy totally in Gehenna (see theme)
- **v 34 to 37** He tells them to expect divisions in their families
- **v 38 and 39** Following Jesus must be more important than all other considerations
- **v 40 to 42** Anyone who accepts a disciple of Jesus in effect accepts Jesus himself and will be rewarded

Timeline AD 30 (see below)



Theme

Gehenna

Gehenna refers to The Valley of the son of Hinnom which is just outside Jerusalem.

A selection of verses showing that the Bible uses the term the fire of Gehenna to indicate total destruction.

Kings of Israel burned their sons in the Valley of the son of Hinnom:

2 Chronicles 28 verse 3, 33 verse 6

King Josiah prevented child sacrifice in the Valley of the son of Hinnom:

2 Kings 23 verse 10

The dead bodies of those who have transgressed against God end up in fire that won't be quenched:

Isaiah 66 verse 24



The Valley of the son of Hinnom is associated with idolatry, fire rituals and child sacrifices in the prophet Jeremiah's time. He tells us that the idea of burning people has never entered God's mind:

Jeremiah 7 verses 30 and 31

Jesus warns that we may end up destroyed in Gehenna fire for various reasons:

Matthew 5 verse 22

Mark 9 verses 43 and 44

Referring to the scribes and Pharisees as serpents, Jesus warns them of their coming destruction:

Matthew 23 verse 33

The apostle James uses the term in a similar symbolic way:

James 3 verse 6

The apostle Jude refers to the total destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah as suffering the vengeance of eternal fire:

Jude 1 verse 7

Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 7 and 8, Q 2: v 16 to 18, Q 3: v 34 and 35



Bible timeline

