Matthew #10 (10:5 - 16)
Here is the first New Testament Ordination Service
I. Let Us Look at Some Introductory Material
A. Are these a collection of sayings- or did Jesus give them at one time?
1. Many of these sayings are found in various places in Mark and Luke
2. Matthew may have collected Jesus' sayings- Chapters 5-7, 13, 23
   3. But Jesus also may have said these at once- all flows together
      a. Jesus repeated sayings at different times (Lu. 8:17 with 12:2)
B. This shows us important principle in how to treat scripture in context
   1. Instructions in vs. 5-16 are only for particular group for particular time
   2. Compare verse 5 with Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 10:19, 20
   3. So we can't justly take verses 8-10 and apply them any believers
II. Let Us Look at Verses 5 - 10
A. V. 5- Not to take any road out of Galilee to Pagan or Samarian territory
   1. There is an order to presentation of gospel-Act 1:8; Rom. 1:16; 2:9, 10
   2. But even with order- there were exceptions (Woman at well, Gentiles)
B. V. 6 Jews had promises (Rom. 9:4) so Christ comes first to them- 15:24
C. V. 7- Gospel they were to preach same gospel that we still preach
   1. Only difference is relation to time of Kingdom - Matthew 24:14
D. V. 8- Christ's mission now becomes their commission
   1. But no record of any cleansing leper-only Peter raised dead-Ac. 9:39-42
   2. But we are to be mindful of the needs of people- sick and afflicted
E. Vs. 8-11 deal particularly with material things- but these aren't permanent
   1. Verse 10- compare it with Luke 22:35, 36; Also note I Cor. 9:11-14
   2. But there are principles here that are always applicable
      a. V. 8- Gospel should always be preached without charge- Isaiah 55:1
      b. Vs 11-14 indicate people would support disciples- Phil. 1:5
      c. God's ministers should trust Him foremost for their support-Phil 4:19
      d. Vs. 13-15 indicate always be two responses to gospel- 2 Cor. 2:15, 16
F. Some say contradiction between vs. 9, 10 and Mark 6; and Luke 9:3
   1. Jesus is commanding them not to take extra things
III. Let us Look at Verses 11 - 15
A. V. 11- They were to seek out one who is "worthy" in town they're in
   1. If house was worthy (v. 13) their peace (Shalom) was to come upon it
   2. We are not to partake of Lord's Supper in "unworthy" way-I Cor. 11:27
   3. Idea in both scriptures is not someone who is without sin
      a. Worthy one is person who receives the words - Acts 13:44-46
B. V. 14- If they did not receive words- disciples were to shake dust off feet
C. They were to stay in one house- not to seek greener pastures
D. Balance between this principle and the great commission -Matt. 28:18-20
   1. Some fields are more fruitful than others at certain times
Conclusion: Three Pictures that our Lord gives - V. 16
A. We are sent as sheeps among wolves - John 10:12; Acts 20:29
B. Wise as serpents - Compare Gen. 3:1- Christians often fail here
C. We are to be "innocent" as doves - "Unmixed" - Rom. 16:19