



Do Not Be Afraid

Matt. 10:24-33



A Daunting Reality (24-25)

- **Two Illustrations**
 - Disciple/Teacher
 - Servant/Master
- **Application to the Twelve**
 - Beelzebul?
 - Severity or Certainty?



Do Not Be Afraid: Four Reasons Not to Fear (26-31)

- 1. The Emergence of Truth (Rom. 2:16; 1 Cor. 4:5)**
 - ▶ The Exposure and Judgment of Evil
 - ▶ The Vindication of the Just and Faithful
- 2. The Non-Finality of Death**
 - ▶ Killing the Body; Destroying Body and Soul
 - ▶ Whom Then Shall We Fear?
- 3. The Presence and Providence of God**
- 4. The Value of God's Children**



A Reciprocal Conditional (32-33)

- **'Acknowledge me'? (Gr. *homologēsei emoi*)**
 - Public Identification with Jesus
- **Jesus, the Acknowledger**



In Response...

- **The Hope of Personal Vindication**
- **Fear God, Not Man**
- **The Believer's Worth**