

**Sermon Outline**  
“The Authority of Jesus”  
Matthew 9:35-10:8

**I.** Overview of the section – Jesus grants authority to the Twelve

**A** Jesus teaching, preaching and healing 9:35

**B** The crowds are like lost sheep 9:36

**C** Request to send laborers 9:37-38

**D** Jesus summons the Twelve 10:1a

**E** Jesus confers authority on the Twelve 10:1b

**D<sup>1</sup>** Jesus names the Twelve 10:2-4

**C<sup>1</sup>** Jesus sends out laborers 10:5

**B<sup>1</sup>** The Twelve sent to the lost sheep 10:6

**A<sup>1</sup>** The Twelve preaching and healing 10:7-8

**II.** Discussion

A major shift in the narrative:

The radical values of the Kingdom of Heaven Ch 5-7

Demonstration of authority in preaching and mercy Ch 8-9

Mission of the disciples extending Jesus’ authority Ch 10-11

Note the element of persecution: vv. 16-42; *cf.* John 15:20.

The New Moses motif reappears

Moses had his Twelve - Numb 1:1-16 (named, vv. 5-15)

Jesus now appoints his Twelve - Matt 10:1 (named vv. 2-4)

*See* Rev 4:4, 10-11; 5:6-10; 21:10-14.

Twelve tribes, twelve apostles = gates and foundations of the New Jerusalem. This is the New Israel that shall last forever.

*See* Eph 2:11-22; Gal 3:26-29; 6:14-16.

**III.** Lessons

All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Jesus

Heb 1:1-3, 8

Jesus’ authority drives us to be worthy servants

Phil 2:9-13

Jesus’ authority will restore the world to God through the gospel

Matt 28:18-20; *cf.* Col 1:19-20