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10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 
11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. John 1:10-11 NIV

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Recap
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Why does Jesus want us to affirm our faith?
• Affirmations of faith strengthen us.
• Affirmations of faith witness to others.

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Today – “Rejected by His Own”

#52 Healing two blind men & dumb demoniac
#53 Jesus visits Nazareth & is rejected
#54 Third Circuit of Galilee (sub-menu)

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few”

Jesus empowers the twelve and sends them throughout Galilee on a “limited commission”.

#52 Jesus Heals Two Blind Men Mt 9:27-31

“Have mercy on us, Son of David!”
“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”
“Yes, Lord,” they replied.
“According to your faith will it be done to you.”

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#52 Dumb Demoniac Healed Mt 9:32-34

33 “…The crowd was amazed and said, ‘Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.’”
34 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons.”

Life Lessons:
- Many believers were blessed!
- Other closed hearts disbelieved and were not!
16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, he has...”

21 “and he began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’”

22 “...Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

And they took offense at him.” Mt 13:57

Two Examples:
- Elijah (the widow near Sidon)
- Elisha (Naaman, commander of Syria’s army)

28 “All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.” Lk 4:28-30

35 “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.”

Event #54
Third Preaching Circuit of Galilee
- “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few”
- The Twelve are empowered & sent out
- “Take no bag for your journey”
- Bring a blessing
- Endure Hardship
- Do not be afraid
- Be Fully Committed
"The Twelve Disciples

(in groups of 4)


Simon (Peter) Andrew James (son of Zeb) his brother John
Philip Bartholomew Thomas Matthew, tax collector
James (son of Al) Thaddeus Simon the Zealot Judas Iscariot

The Blessings:
- "The kingdom of heaven is near."
- "Heal the sick"
- Raise the dead
- The Greeting
- The Peace

The Twelve are Empowered Mt 10:1-4, 8

How is authority given?
How would they be recognized?
- Teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes. Mt 12:38
- "These are the names of the twelve..." NIV

The Twelve are Instructed Mt 10:5-10

- The Message: "The Kingdom of Heaven is near"
- The Mission: Lost sheep of Israel
- The Preparation: Take nothing with you
- The Wage: "Freely you have received, freely give"
- People are prepared for the gospel

The Twelve are instructed Mt 10:15-20

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Persecution Will Come Mt 10:16-25

like sheep among wolves. "Shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves." "Be on your guard against men"

- Hand you over to local councils
- "If you are denounced to governors and kings, it will be as if I was denounced to the whole community."
- "If you are persecuted..." (JUST LEAVE)
- "...the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."
- "...He who stands firm to the end will be saved."
**#54 KEEP THE FAITH!! Mt 10:26-39**

- A student is not above his teacher
  - Matt 10:26 “If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more…” NIV
- So do not be afraid of them
  - Don’t be timid
  - Don’t fear their mistreatment
  - Your Father sees and cares
- Whoever acknowledges me...
  “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.” Mt 10:32

**Full Commitment**

- You will be tested
  - Matt 10:38 “Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” NIV
- You have divine authority
  - Matt 10:40 “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.” NIV

**#54 The Twelve Set Out**

Lk 9:6 “So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.”