



The Way of Mission

Brent Moody · Matthew 10:16–42 · Series: **The Way of Jesus**

INTRODUCTION

- They choose him because they hate the truth.
- He calls them to himself, and then he gives them authority, it says in chapter 10 and verse 1.
- Mainly what I want to speak about this morning is the concept of speaking truth, what that looks like in the world.

1 Speaking Truth Comes at a Cost

Matthew 10:16–25

- If we're gonna be people who are on a mission who have a purpose, just as Jesus had a purpose and a mission, the reality is that's going to come at a cost in life.
- Be wise, but also be innocent. Be innocent as doves.
- Don't be naive about the way people act. Beware of men, Jesus says. Just because you're speaking truth doesn't mean people will accept you.
- It's not really about us. It's the reality that we're speaking something in Jesus' name. We're speaking truth, things that people don't want to hear.

2 Fearing the Right Thing

Matthew 10:26–33

- The next step in the way of mission is to make sure I am fearing the right thing.
- For nothing is covered that will not be revealed. It's all going to be made known at some point.
- Those who sometimes we may fear because of persecution, oppression, mocking, whatever it may be, they have a very limited amount of power. They can kill the body.
- Instead, fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
- Trust God, keep moving. Proclaim truth. Fear the right things.

3 Follow Jesus Over Peace

Matthew 10:34; Matthew 10:12–13; Matthew 5:39–44

- Do not think I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
- The most important thing to Jesus is not world peace.
- But peace, true peace, only comes on the foundation of truth.
- What is best for people in the world, is to realize what truth is and adhere to that truth, even in the midst of difficulty and struggle, because truth comes before peace.
- This is about spiritual war. It's about standing firm in the truth and rejecting compromise and mere agreeableness and passivity in the name of peace.

4 Follow Me, Not Family

Matthew 10:35–37

- These are the natural results of what takes place when people reject truth.
- If you have a house where people are adhering to truth, and some people are not adhering to truth, there is going to be contention.
- He wants you to love your father and your mother. But what he doesn't want is for you to love your father and your mother more than him and more than truth.
- It's because it's what's best for us. He wants us to hear the truth and believe it and follow it.

5 The Reward for Those Who Are Faithful

Matthew 10:22; Matthew 10:39–42; Matthew 5:10

- You will be hated, he says, but the one who endures to the end will be saved.
- Whoever finds his life will lose it. Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
- If we'll take the cost for speaking truth, if we'll fear the right things, if we will value truth above peace, Jesus says, there will be reward in the end. This is his promise.
- Blessed are the persecuted, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. It's what is to come.

THE CHALLENGE

Jesus is calling us to his mission to speak into the world the things that are right and accurate, to not back down from what is true.

MY NOTES
