

How Are We Commanded to Go?

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Jesus Was Sent

The Old Testament predicted how Jesus would be sent:

A Shoot goes out from the stump of Jesse. A Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 **The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on Him**, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. 3 He breathes in the fear of the Lord. **He shall not judge by what His eyes see, nor decide by what His ears hear.** 4 With right judgment He shall judge the poor. He shall decide with uprightness for the meek of the earth. He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth. With the breath of His lips, He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall gird His loins, and faithfulness girdle His heart (Isaiah 11:1-5).

Jesus answered, "Truly I say to you, The Son is not able to do anything himself. He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son does in the same way (John 5:19)."

"I came down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him, Who sent Me (John 6:38)."

Jesus said, "I have not spoken on My authority, but the Father, Who sent Me gave Me orders what to say and how to say it. 50 I know His command is eternal life. So, I say the things I say the same way the Father says them to Me (John 12:49-50)."

Jesus answered them, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His, Who **sent** Me (John 7:16)."

"He who speaks of himself, seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of Him, who **sent** Him, is true. No unrighteousness resides in Him (John 7:18)."

"He, Who **sent** Me. is true. I tell the world those things I heard of Him (John 8:26)."

In Jesus' prayer to the Father, He says, "As You have sent Me into the world, even so I have sent them into the world (John 17:18)."

"Then, Jesus later spoke this same word to His disciples, "As My Father has sent Me, even so I send you (John 20:21)."

Some are sure to be saying, that was well and good for Jesus and his apostles, but how can you know it is to be the same for us? We can tell by what Jesus commanded his men and women in Matt 28:19-20:

“Go. Make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach them to obey every command I have given you....”

As Jesus was sent, he commanded his people telling them to train others to do as he and they did.

Some of you may still be wondering if this was just for the apostles. Here's still another proof for you: Years later, John wrote a letter to the church in which he said, “As he [Jesus] is, so are **we** in this world (1 John 4:17).”

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Do you hear Jesus speaking to you? “As My Father has *sent Me*, I *send you*.”

What does that mean? Since Jesus said, He only did what He saw the Father doing and said what He heard the Father saying, that means you and I need to see what God is doing and hear from God, in order to be sent, as Jesus was sent!

Isaiah 42:18-19 Hear, deaf ones, and blind ones look to see. 19 Who is blind but My servant? Or deaf, as My messenger, Whom I sent? Who is blind, as he who is perfect, and blind, as the Lord's servant?

We don't need to be wonderful listeners with great vision. God is glad to speak to us and show us His ways, if we will only let Him.

More passages on the subject:

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(John the Baptist agreed with Jesus: “He, Whom God has **sent**, says God's words (John 3:34).”)

Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is on Me. He has anointed Me to proclaim the Gospel to the poor. He has **sent** Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and new sight to the blind, to set at liberty those having been crushed, 19 to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18-19).”

Jesus told them, “I must proclaim the gospel, the kingdom of God, to other cities, because I was **sent** on this mission (Luke 4:43).”

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who **sent** Me, to finish His work (John 4:34).”

“I have a greater witness than John: the works the Father has given Me to finish. The works I do witness of Me. They show the Father has **sent** Me (John 5:36).”

Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe on *Him*, Whom He has **sent** (John 6:29).”

Jesus Sent His People

Jesus, speaking to the Father, said, "As You have **sent** Me into the world, even so I have **sent** them into the world (John 17:18)."

He **sent** them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick (Luke 9:20).

He said to them, "Whoever shall receive this child in My name, receives Me.

Whoever shall receive Me, receives Him, Who **sent** Me (Luke 9:48)."

"He who receives you receives Me. He who receives Me receives Him, Who **sent** Me (Matt 10:40)."

"The one hearing you hears Me. He who despises you despises Me. He who rejects you *also* rejects Him, Who **sent** Me (Luke 10:16)."

Those, who are born again, are the Children of God. However, His kids should be more than just barely inside the kingdom's door. Romans 8:14 says, "Those led by the Spirit are the Sons of God." If you don't see yourself being led, that doesn't automatically mean you aren't born again. But, those born again Sons and Daughters of God, should continually act like His children by allowing God's Spirit to lead them.

We, Christians, are meant to be sent, like Jesus was sent.

God wants to show you how. Will you let Him?

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