Mat #98

Preparing the Apostles and introducing them to the Holy Spirit.

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/Mat 10:16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so **be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.**\

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[Mat 10:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/18/s_939018) and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

[Mat 10:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/19/s_939019) “But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say.

[Mat 10:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/20/s_939020) “For it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

This is TLJC telling these men that preparation for future troubles begins now!

Because the true attacks and difficulties will come after Christ ascends back to the throne room of heaven. While Jesus was among them, He handled the brunt of the negativity and it didn’t heat up until those last few weeks before the cross.

It would be after the Cross of Christ and the beginning of the CA that the 11 Apostles will really face the heat.

/Sheep in the midst of wolves is not Jesus preparing to abandon these men but getting them prepared for the battles ahead, which He would help them fight by the power of His word and the filling of the Holy Spirit.\

The Lord never abandons us we are always indwelt by the Trinity and we have pro-logos…the word given, preparing us before the time is needed.

Interesting principle about the reference to the serpent…is that, a snake, in the ancient world was considered very sly and smart and difficult to trap.

Unlike a sheep who everyone knew would be easy prey for almost all predators…the snake was difficult to trap and could make you the prey very quickly because they were so sly.

PRON-KNEE-MOSS Greek Adj.

/ *“be shrewd (phronimos) as serpents and innocent as doves.”*

Meaning wise in the sense of self- preservation & discretely intelligent.\

This is not a –“*throw it in your face*” attitude that comes across arrogant.

This is very laid back, the subtle intelligence that surprises people during the conversation.

Taking care to protect yourself and keep moving forward in God’s plan uninterrupted.

/The dove was symbolic for peace and spirituality it was harmless yet considered pure - without bad intention or any phony gimmicks or human tricks.\

Understanding how these creatures are viewed in the time this was written opens your eyes up to how the Lord wanted these men to deal with attacks & what would be coming toward them in the future.

Bels today need to apply these types of techniques when it comes to dealing with cosmic attitudes & false brethren.

Turn to Romans chapter 16.

This was a common warning that TLJC prepared His followers to watch out for.

/ Luk 10:3 “Go; behold, I send you out **as lambs in the midst of wolves**.”

[Act 20:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/20/29/s_1038029) “I know that after my departure **savage wolves will come** in among you, not sparing the flock;\

The attacks and false teachers would bubble up once the Cross was complete.

Look what the Apostle Paul taught to the Romans.

Rom 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

[Rom 16:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/16/17/s_1062017) Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

Don’t keep fellowshipping with these type of people…be wise enough to apply separation with them. ELABORATE

/[Rom 16:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/16/18/s_1062018) For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but **of their own appetites;** and by their **smooth and flattering speech** they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.\

Their emotions dictate their decisions and actions.

They have all the right words and sometimes you almost want to buy into all they are telling you.

Rom 16:19 For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.

Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

See TLJC never leaves us… HE guides and gives us His power source to crush the attacks if we are prepared which means you don’t wait until the attack comes to start to prepare… you prepare in advance for the attacks down the road.

REPEAT!!!!!

Just like a good fighter trains for a bout but even when they are not schedule to fight the really good fighters stay in shape and train…prepared for the next fight.

/Rom 16:19 “*be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil”-*

This is the same concept of studying the truth or the real to be able to recognize the lie or the fake (counterfeit).\

Many Bels chase after knowledge about UFO’s and demon possession and what the latest cult activity is…when all the while a good Bible study touches on these subjects and gives more than enough information on what to avoid.

Stop pursuing the knowledge of the secular cults and latest trends and focus on the Bible.

Many people…Bels & Unbels confuse themselves with deep studies into cosmic rituals….satanic lies and nonsense that does nothing but distract them from real truth. It will actually lead you further from Biblical facts if you dive too deep into it. REPEAT!!!

A study into 1Corithians chapter 14 is very telling concerning the gift of tongues and those who chase after miracles, signs and wonders….

Apostle Paul had to wake them up to the fact that these types of gifts & miracles are not the Christian way of life for the CA Bel’s.

[/1Co 14:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/14/20/s_1076020)Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; **yet in evil be infants**, but in your thinking be mature.\

Earlier in chapter one of first Corinthians Paul made that famous statement – “*Jews seek signs and Greeks chase after wisdom”-*  meaning both parties are seeking something other than the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

People waste years of their lives watching nonsense on TV screens and chasing after mysteries of the cosmic system…yet they know very little about who and what TLJC really is.

Let your wisdom be built upon knowledge from the mind of Christ.

TLJC tells His new teachers go out and be wise using what I have taught you do not be consumed with the knowledge of the wise men of the world.

Because it is the same crowd of so-called spiritual men and wise men of that day and age who will attack and ridicule you!

It is no different today Royal Family.

Look back in Matthew chapter ten.

/Mat 10:17 “But **beware of men**, for they will hand you over to *the* courts and scourge you **in their synagogues**;

It is the religious crowd and organized religion that Jesus first warns them against.\

In the time that this was written the wisest men of that day….the scholars, were all in the upper echelon of society not very different than today.

They were the Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees and then the Greek philosophers and Gnostics were considered wise men of that day.

TLJC warns against the religious crowd and the intellects of that day because they would be the ones who had the power to organize against the Apostles.

/Legalist and those in positions of cosmic authority are often the ones who attack truth because it challenges their viewpoints and agendas. The Apostles would face the wrath of government, religion & the scholars because of the gospel.\

Again, I tell you it is not much different than what most Christians face today.

The one main difference is back then the authority figures had the ability to promote violent punishment and long- term incarceration for Christians.

Some 3rd world countries still implement some very harsh treatment of Christians today…we are blessed here in America that we can still speak our mind and operate in our beliefs.

The Apostles had wide eyed anticipation and high hopes about being spiritual leaders and as any new Bel or leader does they don’t realize what they may be facing when the honeymoon period is over! There is excitement at the beginning stages.

/[Mat 10:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/18/s_939018) and **you will even be brought before governors and kings** for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

All of this is in a future tense.\

These 11 men were hand picked by Jesus and He knew they would be positive and that once they were fully trained and introduced to His divine power they would make strong leaders for the foundation of the early church.

But it wasn’t as if TLJC expected them to do anything in their flesh or without Him.

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This is an important principle for all Bels…not just church leaders….all Bels.

God provides the knowledge we need and we are protected under His authority.

/Whether it is the Apostles and what they will be facing or the CA Bel today and what they may face tomorrow- the prepared Bel who taps into God’s power (The Word & Holy Spirit) will have the right words and attitude to sustain any attack they may face!\

Notice I said - prepared Bel!

God will supply the power…He will supply the right words and doctrinal insight when the situation calls for it.

Don’t worry about quoting scripture many Unbels can quote scripture.

What you need to understand is the principles and use the filling power of the HS and watch how you answer difficult questions and stand firm under harsh attacks. NOT IN YOUR FLESH!

ELABORATE – every been in a situation and you said all the right things or handled it magnificently and you realize it wasn’t you?? You open your mouth and BD came flowing out.

It means God is actively working in your life and your fruit of the Spirit is coming forward.

/[Mat 10:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/20/s_939020) “For it is not you who speak, but *it is* **the Spirit of your Father** who speaks in you.

The Holy Spirit had not yet descended upon the early church. \

The reference is GOD the FATHER…being a member of a Royal Family we inherit whatever our FATHER has.

This is like the rich father handing the keys to the Porsche over to the young son.

TLJC was allowing them a glimpse into the power of the Royal Family they now were a part of.

/Much of what Jesus is talking about from verse 16 into verse 23 is in the future tense. Divine power they received from God would be in the realm of Old Testament power (HS) anointing the words and deeds of the (O.T.) prophets who remained inside the will of God. The new indwelling power, would begin on the day of Pentecost. \ REPEAT

Much of what Jesus is speaking about in this moment has a future reference attached to it. And while the Apostles walked with TLJC their divine power source came from the words Jesus told them to speak and using His name to seal that power source.

Nothing from themselves… it was going to be their first experience being Royal Family members and having God the Father begin to open up the divine flood gates for these men.

It wouldn’t be until their last days with TLJC that they would truly realize the power of the HS or the HELPER as Jesus called Him was going to become a permanent power option - and that this new CA would be something different than OT saints had ever seen.

TLJC teaching throughout His 3 year ministry would give them lessons that something new was on the horizon and that the Mosaic Law of old was now being replaced.

/The Apostles first experience with power from the Holy Spirit would be the same experience men like Moses, David, Jeremiah, Daniel, etc. had. It would be something that came upon them as long as they followed the protocol and words of the Lord.\

This is not the same as walking in the new nature because this was something that took hold of OT saints and guided them…a guiding power that would leave them once it had completed what it came to do.

The CA Bel never loses that indwelling source.

They may not live in it and therefore they walk in the old nature but they can’t lose the indwelling source of the Trinity because a tabernacle…a temple was set up in your soul structure at the moment of salvation.

/The transition from Old Testament (dispensation of Israel) into New Testament (Church-age) was linked by the great power experiment of the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union. That union of undiminished deity and true humanity (Christ) is what the CA Bel partakes in by the indwelling of the Trinity. During that transition (life of Jesus) the dispensation of Israel was still in effect.\ REPEAT

I know it’s a lot to take in - but take a moment and look at that slide.

Turn to 1Cor 2:6 as we close.

OT rituals and laws still had center stage up until TLJC went to the cross and then rose again and sat down at the right hand of God the Father….mission complete…transition complete.

Why do you think Paul made statement like this about the Jewish leadership -

/2Co 3:14 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the **reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted**, because it is removed in Christ.\

1Co 2:6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;

/1Co 2:7 but **we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery**, the **hidden wisdom** which God predestined before the ages to our glory;\

[1Co 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/8/s_1064008) *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

And Jesus made statements like this-

/Mat 13:11 Jesus answered them, “To you it has been granted **to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been granted.\

Everything had to come to fruition for the transition into what the plan of God would reveal to all of mankind.

TLJC giving these men a taste of the power of the HS at this point is just a sample of what will come once His work was complete.

/Luk 24:44 Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, **that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled**.” 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,\

TLJC fulfills all of the OT rituals, prophecy and promises.

The only remaining prophecy revolves around the end time events and TLJC 2nd Advent…that’s it!

His work and seat at the right hand of God the Father solidifies everything.

It ushers in the new and removes the old.

/Heb 8:13 When He (Jesus) said, “**A new covenant**,” He has made **the first obsolete**. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old **is ready to disappear.\**

Hebrews chapter 8 and 9 a very clear on this fact.

/Heb 9:15 For this reason **He is the mediator of a new covenant**, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under **the first covenant**, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.\

In one of the last days Jesus spoke with the Apostles before the cross He clearly stated that something new and permanent is coming and it is a HELPER sent by the Father.

/Jhn 14:16 “I will ask the Father, and **He will give you another Helper**, that He may **be with you forever**;

Jhn 16:7 “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; **for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come** to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.\