

# What Jesus Said

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## **13. Matthew 10:16-27**     *Jesus continues to instruct His Disciples.*

The story continues from **Lesson 12** as Jesus empowers the Disciples with the ability to heal and raise from the dead. In this lesson Jesus continues to instruct the Disciples in the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew verses 16 through to 27. We write this as **Matthew 10:16-27**.

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### **The Scripture:**

**Matthew 10:16** - "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

**10:17** - Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.

**10:18** - On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.

**10:19** - But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say,

**10:20** - for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

**10:21** - "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death

**10:22** - You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

**10:23** - When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

**10:24** - "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master.

**10:25** - It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

**10:26 - “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.**

**10:27 - What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.**

## The Explanation:

In the last lesson we saw Jesus give power to the Disciples to heal the sick and raise the dead, preach His Ministry and spread the word of the Kingdom of God. In this lesson Jesus is instructing his Disciples further.

## Places and People Mentioned:

### Beelzebub

Hebrew: בעל זבוב, Ba'al Zəvūv Arabic: بعل الذباب, Ba'al az-Zubab;, literally "Lord of the Flies"; Greek: Βεελζεβούλ, Velzevoúl; Latin: Beelzebūb), with numerous archaic variants,[1] is a Semitic deity that was worshiped in the Philistine city of Ekron. In later Christian and Biblical sources, he is referred to as another name for Devil.

## Questions:

1. Although Jesus is sending them out His Disciples in their innocence, how is he saying that they should be vigilant?
2. Why must the Disciples not fear what to say if they are detained?
3. What happens to the Disciple that stands by Jesus?
4. What do you think Jesus is saying when he says in Matthew 10:23: **“Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”**
5. The following verse is interesting – because what does it say to you about teacher and student?
6. Jesus warns that **“if the head of the house is like Beelzebub”** ..... what does he mean?