

Shrewd as Snakes; Innocent as Doves

Matthew 10:16-42

Key Verse: 16

1. How was Jesus sending his disciples? (16) What does it mean to be like a “sheep”, like a “snake” and like a “dove”? What is the first cost of being Jesus’ disciple? (17-18) How does the Spirit help his servants? (19) What promise does Jesus give to those who testify? (20)
2. What other kinds of conflict will a follower of Jesus face as he witnesses through adversities? (21-23, 25) What will standing firm on the truth enable the disciple to do? (24) (Think about being part of Jesus’ family.)
3. Why should we not be afraid to speak up for the truth? (26-27) What should we “fear” and “not fear”? (28) What signs of God’s personal care for you can you expect as you witness Jesus? (29-31) Why is testifying to the name of Jesus is so important? (Ac 4:12)
4. What is the sword that Jesus brings? (34; Eph 6:17) Why should we not love our lives? (35-36; Rev 12:21) Who is not worthy of Jesus? (37-38) What promise is there for those who lose their life? (39) What rewards are there for those who stand for Jesus’ side? (40-42)