

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT!**

**Matthew 9:35 – 10:1**

# **“AUTHORITY” - DEFINED AND GIVEN**

**A. Matthew 28:18 – all authority given –  
Therefore go...**

**B. Matthew 10:1, 7 – “authority” defined:**

**1. Over the demons, v 8**

**2. Heal the sick, v 8**

**3. As you go, preach – the kingdom of God  
is at hand. V 7.**

# **“AUTHORITY” GIVEN BY CHRIST ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS:**

- 1. Choosing of the 12 disciples – Mark 3:14-15; Christ’s purpose stated.**
- 2. Sending out of the 12 disciples – Matt 10:1, 7; Mark 6:7, 12-13; Luke 9:1**
- 3. Sending out of the 70 - Luke 10:1f, 9; 19-20**
- 4. Commissioning of disciples – Matt 28:18f**

# ALONG WITH THE AUTHORITY CAME THE PROMISE OF SPIRITUAL POWER

- **Luke 24:49**
- **Acts 1:8**
- **1 Cor 4:20**
- **Ep 1:18-19**

# THE CHURCH BEGAN AT PENTECOST

- **Acts 2:2-4, 2:19 Joel 2 prophecy fulfilled.**
- **Acts 5:15. Peter's shadow was said to heal if it fell upon someone.**
- **Not just apostles:**
  - **Stephen (not an apostle) Acts 6:8**
  - **Philip (not an apostle) Acts 8:13**

# WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT WHEN WE CLAIM THE AUTHORITY?

## **1. Resistance and division.**

- **Matt 10:16-17**
- **Luke 12:51-53**
- **Acts 14:3-4**

## **2. The outpouring of the Spirit.**

- **Luke 10:1, ahead of where Christ is coming. Matt 10:7**

# **BUT WHY? WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORITY AND POWER?**

## **1. Matthew 9:35 – 10:1**

- Sheep without a shepherd.**
- No one to guide, protect, feed.**

## **2. Our spiritual armor. Ep 6:12**

- Our struggle is not against flesh and blood but the powers of the enemy.**

# TO GO IN THE GREAT COMMISSION POWER

- 1. You and I are power-supplies for the Holy Spirit waiting to be engaged.**
  - Harvest is plentiful. Workers are few.**
  - Don't let your shortage keep you from going.**
- 2. Believe it or not. Act on what you believe.**