

SENDING THE SHREWD AND INNOCENT

Matthew 10:16-42

- I. Prayer

- II. Review / Context 9:36-10:15 and beyond

- III. 10:16 as a preamble to 17-23.
 - A. A repetition of 10:5
 - B. Sent to the lost sheep... as vulnerable and defenseless sheep.
 - C. Instruction – shrewd and innocent

- IV. Shrewd (10:17-18, 10:21-22a)
 - A. Language of specific time/place
 - B. Language of specific persecution & specific disruptions
 - C. Language of specific audiences
 - D. The point

- V. Innocent (10:19-20, 22b-23)
 - A. How?
 - B. Not for an indefinite period of time
 - 1. Until the son of man comes?

- VI. Theological insights and questions
 - A. Realities of Persecutions, but not everything is Persecution.
 - B. Realities of Spirit filled speech, but not everything is Spirit filled speech.

- C. God's judgment upon Jerusalem / the national leadership.