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Jesus Sends His Disciples Out

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luke 9:51

As we go, we represent who Jesus is.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves." Luke 10:1-3

Who is Jesus?

1. Is He **good** or a **deceiver**?

And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray."

John 7:12

2. Is He **Christ** or a **prophet**?

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee?"

John 7:40-41

3. Is He a sinner?

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

John 9:16

4. Is He from **Satan**?

But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven.

Luke 11:15-16

The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

John 8:48

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Jesus answers the question:

1. I am stronger than Satan.

"But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." Luke 11:20

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" Luke 10:17

2. I am sinless.

"Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?"

John 8:46

3. I am <u>I AM</u>.

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

John 8:58-59

- The <u>Bread</u> (John 6:48)
- The Light (John 9:5)
- The <u>Door</u> (John 10:7)
- The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
- The <u>Resurrection</u> (John 11:25)
- The <u>Way, Truth, Life</u> (John 14:6)
- The <u>True Vine</u> (John 15:5)

4. I am <u>God</u>.

"I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone him.

John 10:30-31

When we know who Jesus is:

1. We will tell others.

He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

John 9:25

2. We will hold things loosely.

They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

John 9:34

3. We will worship Him.

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he **worshiped** him. John 9:37-38

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