



the Twelve. When judgment comes for Israel (and it did in 70 AD), they would not be able to say they didn't know. Indeed...

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matthew 23:37 (KJV)*

### **Closing Thoughts:**

I believe the Church is Christ's prophetic voice in the land. We are called the "pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim 3:15), "the light of the world" (Matt 5:14), and "the Holy City" (Rev 21:2). We are "stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Pet 4:10), "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." (Eph 2:20)

Our mandate isn't just to modern Israel, but the nations:

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV)*

May the LORD help us lovingly but boldly carry out this sacred mission!  
Amen!

### **Applications:**

1. In our text, the disciples were sent on a very difficult and very specific mission. Although it may not be normative, pray and consider how you would respond to such a sending.
2. Sometimes the "restrictions" in our lives and ministries have prophetic purpose. How might this understanding bless you and your family when you are faced with a challenge?
3. Often, God will call us to go and trust Him for provision as we walk and obey. Are you daily building such trust through prayer and the exercising of your faith?
4. Are you willing to take on the prophetic mantle to present the LORD's truth to a lost, skeptical, and sometimes hostile world?

Next week, LORD willing: "A Prophetic Message"