

## Mark 6:7-13

### Authorized Representatives

#### Sermon Points

- Christians are authorized representatives of God.
- We are still in the midst of a spiritual battle.
- Satan cannot **destroy** Christians, but he will do everything he can to **distract** them from their kingdom mission..

#### Main idea

Christians are authorized representatives of God with a mission worth dying for. Satan & his army of demons attack this identity and role in an attempt to thwart God's mission.

#### Background

This passage marks a significant shift in the role of the disciples. They move from solely "being with Jesus" to "being like Jesus" by continuing his work. They have been following Jesus for some time now and have seen him working powerfully: exorcisms, healings, calming storms, and raising the dead. They now are **sent** out in his name with his authority--as his authorized representatives. They preach repentance to the surrounding towns and perform miraculous deeds as well: casting out demons and healing the sick.

#### Questions

**Q:** What is your honest response to God giving you the identity and role of an authorized representative of him?

#### Watch: Spiderman Far From Home Illusion Scene

To watch:

- Click the link: <https://youtu.be/ZGkMc4Qcdv0>
- Or search on youtube: Spiderman Far From Home Illusion Scene in Bluray (length 4:50)

**Q:** How does this scene from Spiderman illustrate the spiritual battle we are fighting as Christians?

**Q:** Are there "what ifs..?" or lies that are holding you back from embracing your identity and role as an authorized representative of Jesus in his kingdom mission? What are they?

**Q:** Verse 11 implies that some people will not receive the message of the 12. How does the passage prior (Mark 6:1-6) foreshadow this?

**Read:** The 12 were not allowed to take much with them. But did you notice what they were allowed to take? A staff. A staff was functional for walking and self-defense. But it was more than that. It was a symbol of authority that traces back to Exodus--it was with his staff that Moses brought several plagues against Pharaoh & the nation of Egypt.

**Q:** Sometimes it's easier to trust *our possessions* than *his power* for security. What is at the root of this?

### **Other Passages**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:20**

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.