

The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 65

Yeshua Sends Out His Emissaries ~ Part 5

In our last post, we continued to examine the topic of **Yeshua Sends Out His Emissaries**. In this post, we learned that **Yeshua Instructs the Talmidim** about **Rewards**.

Rewards

⁴⁰ "Whoever receives you is receiving me, and whoever receives me is receiving the One who sent me.

"Whoever receives you is receiving me... Welcoming **Yeshua's** messengers is tantamount to welcoming **Yeshua** Himself since they bear His message and authority (see Matt 10:11–14). ***Receives the One who sent me...*** Receiving **Yeshua** amounts to receiving the **Father**.

⁴¹ Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive the reward a prophet gets, and anyone who receives a tzaddik because he is a tzaddik will receive the reward a tzaddik gets.

⁴² Indeed, if someone gives just a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my talmid - yes! - I tell you, he will certainly not lose his reward!" ~ Mattityahu 10:40-42.

One of these little ones likely indicates a low social status as we see **Yeshua** ministering to them throughout the Gospels.

The Emissaries In Action

¹ ¹After Yeshua had finished instructing the twelve talmidim; He went on from there to teach and preach in the towns nearby. ² ⁶ They set out and went through village after village, healing and announcing the Good News everywhere.

Herod is Curious About Yeshua

³ ¹⁴ Meanwhile, King Herod heard about this, for Yeshua's reputation had spread. Some were saying, "Yochanan the Immerser has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him." ¹⁵ Others said, "It is Eliyahu!" and still others, "He is a prophet, like one of the old prophets." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard about it, he said, "Yochanan, whom I had beheaded, has been raised." ⁴ ⁷ Herod, the governor, heard about all that was going on and was perplexed because it was said by some that Yochanan had been raised from the dead, ⁸ by others that Eliyahu had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life. ⁹ Herod said, "I had Yochanan beheaded, so who is this about whom I keep hearing such things?" And he began trying to see Him. (Yes, the last two sections did not contain any Red-Letter Words, but I thought they were essential to the story.)

Mark hasn't yet mentioned **Yochanan's** death; it is reported in Mark 6:17–29. **Herod's** fear suggests that he saw a link between **Yochanan** and **Yeshua** and perceived both as political threats. **It is Eliyahu!** 2 Kings 2:11 records that the prophet **Eliyahu** did not die but was taken up into heaven alive. As a result of this and **Malachi's** prophecy, many Jews believed he would return someday (Mal 4:5–6; compare Mark 9:11; 15:35–36). **Herod** was anxious to learn about the identity of **Yeshua**.

In our next post, we will conclude our series on **He Sends Out His Emissaries**, beginning in Luke 9:10.

¹ Mattityahu 11:1.

² Luke 9:6 (see also Mark 6:12-13).

³ Mark 6:14-16

⁴ Luke 9:7-9.