

Why did Jesus tell the
apostles not to go to the
Gentiles?

Matthew 10:5-6



Who Cares?


- ▶ Criticism others can make
 - ▶ “Jesus didn’t care about the Gentiles if he told the apostles not to preach to them. That’s not fair.”
- ▶ What will your answer be when it happens? (1 Peter 3:15)
- ▶ God desires all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-6)
- ▶ Past attempts to bring Gentiles to repentance:
 - ▶ Nineveh (Jonah 1:2)

Reason #1: Jesus sent to Israel

- ▶ Matthew 15:24- I was sent to Israel
- ▶ Amos 9:11-12- Raise up the booth of David that is fallen
- ▶ Romans 15:8- Christ became a servant of the Jews to show God's faithfulness
- ▶ Matthew 10:6-7- Go to the lost sheep of Israel
- ▶ Jesus wanted to bring the Jews to him- Matthew 23:37
 - ▶ But they rejected him

Reason #2: Gentiles were not prepared

- ▶ How were the Jews prepared for Jesus?
- ▶ God made Abraham three promises, and fulfilled them (Gal 3:7-9; Acts 13:26-33)
- ▶ God gave Moses the law that was a shadow of redemption in Christ (Gal 3:24-15; Heb 8:1-7; 10:1-4)
- ▶ David made prophecies about Jesus (Psalm 132:11-12; Acts 2:29-30; Acts 2:32-35)
- ▶ Jews were supposed to understand what was going on by studying the prophecies.
- ▶ Jews still didn't recognize Jesus as the Christ when he came (Acts 13:27)
- ▶ If the Jews didn't figure it out, how were the Gentiles going to?



Reason #3: It wasn't the right time, but their time came soon after

- ▶ Prophecies said gentiles would be saved too
- ▶ Simeon declared Jesus a light to the Gentiles- Luke 2:29-32
- ▶ Paul was chosen to proclaim God's name to the Gentiles Acts 9:15
- ▶ Peter was sent to visit the Gentiles- Acts 15:14-18



God wants you to be saved

- ▶ Hear (Romans 10:17)
- ▶ Believe (John 3:16)
- ▶ Confess (Romans 10:9)
- ▶ Repent (Acts 2:38)
- ▶ Be baptized (Mark 16:16)
- ▶ Remain faithful (Revelation 2:10)
- ▶ Ask God for forgiveness (1 John 1:9)