

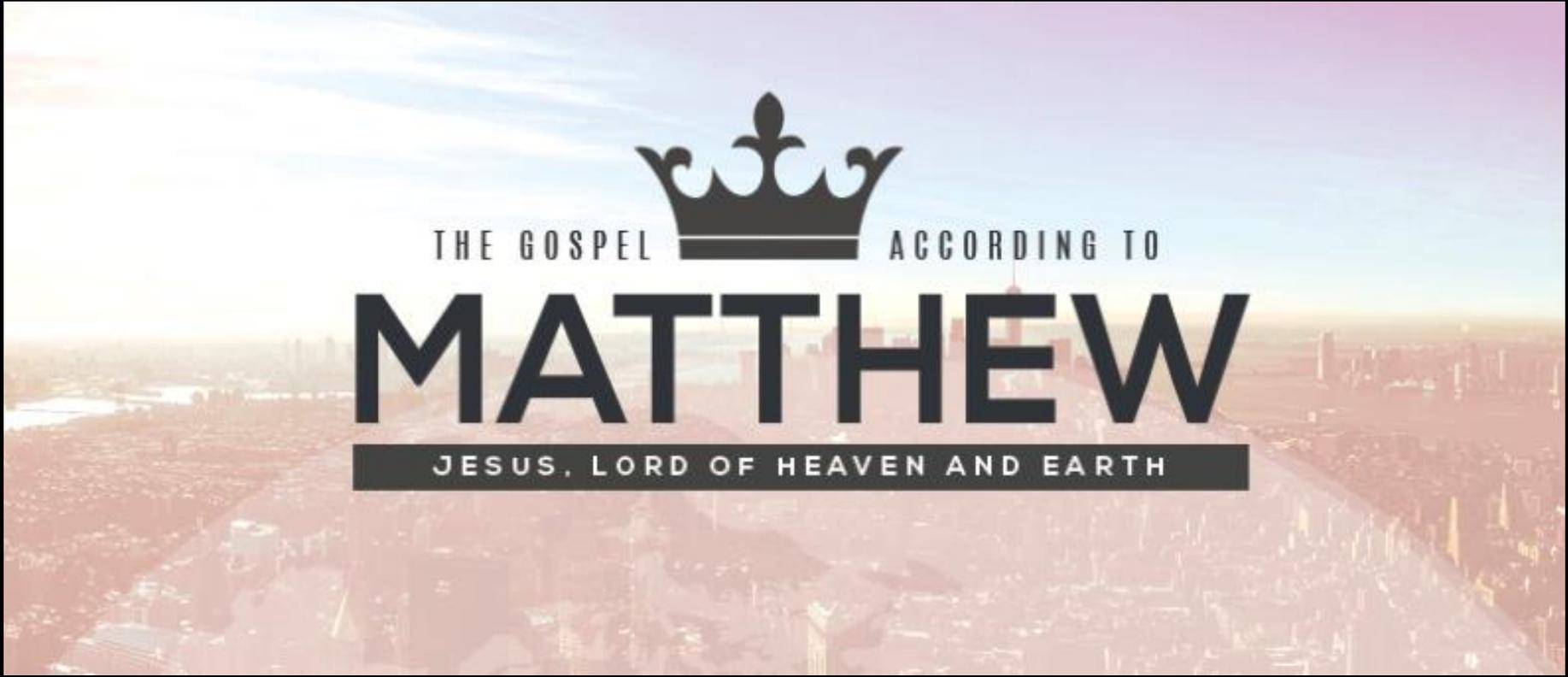
An aerial view of Prague, Czech Republic, during sunset. The Vltava River flows through the city, with the Charles Bridge in the foreground. The city is filled with historic buildings, including a prominent church with a green dome. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

WELCOME
to the International Baptist Church
of Prague

SUNDAY 10 MARCH



SERMON



THE GOSPEL  ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW
JESUS, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

MATTHEW 9:35 – 10:20

“Sent out by Jesus”

9:35-38: Jesus' compassion for the lost

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'



10:1-4: Jesus' calling to disciples

¹ Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.



10:5-10: Jesus' Instructions for Mission (1)

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. ⁹ 'Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts – ¹⁰ no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep.'

- **Who to go to**
- **What to say**
- **What to do**
- **What to take**

10:11-15: Jesus' Instructions for Mission (2)

¹¹ 'Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave.

¹² As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.

¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.

¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.'

- **Where to stay**
- **How to respond to welcome**

10:16-20: Jesus' Instructions for Mission (3)

¹⁶ 'I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.

¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say,

²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.'

- **Worst case scenario**

GOING WITH JESUS TODAY

SEE with Jesus' eyes of compassion

PRAY with Jesus' heart for the lost

GO to those the Lord sends to you



PREACH the good news

SHOW the power and love of Jesus

TAKE what's needed & **TRUST** the Lord to provide

BLESS those who offer you hospitality

KNOW that the Lord is always with you

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Matthew 9:35-38

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and for ever.

Amen.



To
God
be the Glory!