



**“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY:
DOING WHO I AM”**

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: MATTHEW 10:16-23

TITLE: BEING WHO I AM AND DOING WHO I AM WILL OFFEND SOME

INTRODUCTION

- A. Jesus Called His disciples _____
- B. Jesus Equipped His disciples _____
- C. Jesus Sent His disciples _____
- D. As a disciple of Jesus... _____
 - 1. You are Called by Jesus
 - 2. You are Equipped by Jesus
 - 3. You are Sent by Jesus

HOW AM I SENT?

- A. As sheep in the midst of wolves _____
 - 1. Sheep have no natural defense system
 - 2. Jesus said, “wolves” not “a wolf”
- B. Therefore, _____
 - 1. Be wise as snakes (serpents, vipers)
 - a. Snakes are generally viewed negatively
 - b. Jesus called the religious leaders ‘snakes’
 - c. The devil appeared in the form of a snake to Adam and Eve
 - d. What is Jesus telling us, “Be wise as snakes?”
 - 2. Be harmless as doves
 - a. Doves are a symbol of peace, love, harmony,
 - b. A dove is the symbol of the Holy Spirit
 - c. Harmless = unmixed, with absence of foreign mixture, pure, guileless, sincere, innocent
 - d. What is Jesus telling us, “Be harmless as doves?”
 - 3. **Romans 16:19**, ...*I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil* (NIV)

WHAT DO I DO?

- A. **BEWARE OF THEM**, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings *because of me*, as a *testimony to them and the Gentiles* _____
- B. **DO NOT WORRY** about What you will say or how you will say it _____
 - 1. At that time you will be given what to say
 - 2. For it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks through you
- C. **REMAIN FAITHFUL** to the end, although you will be hated by everyone because of My name _____
- D. **KEEP WORKING** as they persecute you in one town, leave and go to the next one _____