

**“Divided by Jesus Christ”**  
**Matthew 10:34-42**

Intro: These teachings of Jesus are discomfoting, disturbing, and painful. Which is why they need to be heard.

- I. The cutting sword of Jesus
  - a. Matthew 10:34
  
- II. Household divisions
  - a. Matthew 10:35-36
  
- III. True devotion
  - a. Matthew 10:37
  
- IV. The cost of the cross
  - a. Matthew 10:38 (Mt 16:24)
  
- V. Finding life by losing it
  - a. Matthew 10:39 (Mt 16:25-26)
  
- VI. Welcomes and rewards
  - a. Matthew 10:40-41
  
- VII. A cup of cold water
  - a. Matthew 10:42

Close: The ultimate division between people is determined by the Gospel of Jesus Christ: those who receive Christ are welcomed into God’s kingdom; those who reject him are rejected by God and eternally condemned (John 3:36).