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Be on your guard

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The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink

they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you". (Luke 10, 1-9)

Jesus warns the apostles and anyone who preaches or witnesses the Gospel: they will find many people who will want to harm them along the way. Of course they will also find some friends. But the only one we must blindly trust is Jesus: He will know how to give us what we really need in every moment. But it is necessary to ask for a faith that puts the reins of our life in the Lord's hands. Try today to surrender yourself totally to His will.