

“The Crowds and the Twelve”

Mark 3:7-19

THE EXPANDING INFLUENCE OF JESUS' MINISTRY. Mark 3:7-12

1. A great crowd gathered around Jesus and his disciples. v.7-8

- Jesus' reputation was expanding beyond his hometown (Nazareth) and the region of Galilee.

2. The people came to be healed by Jesus. v.9-10

3. Jesus' influence was known in the spiritual realm of darkness. v.11-12

- The people saw Jesus as the “miracle worker” – the demons named him: “You are the Son of God.”

JESUS APPOINTED THE TWELVE APOSTLES. Mark 3:13-19

1. Jesus went up on “the mountain” and called the twelve to him. v.13

- The mountain—like Moses on Mt. Sinai at the formation of Israel as a nation.
- “those whom he desired” – The emphasis is on this being Jesus' initiative and choice.

2. Jesus appointed twelve apostles. v.14a. “appointed” again in v.16

- Twelve—like the 12 tribes of Israel.

3. The ministry of the twelve. v.14b-15

- “that they might be with him” v.14b
- Sent out to preach. v.14b
- Having authority to cast out demons. v.15

4. The make-up of the twelve. v.16-19.

- Simon. Son of Jonas/John, brother of Andrew (another apostle). Fisherman. Wrote 1, 2 Peter. Jesus gave him the name Peter which means “Rock”.
- James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James. Fishermen; called to follow Jesus in Mark 1:19-20. Jesus gave them the name Boanerges, which means “Sons of Thunder” in Aramaic. Could be reference to their fiery nature (Cf. Luke 9:54-56) or who they would become by following Jesus. James was the first to be martyred (Acts 12:2) and John was the last to die. John was called “the disciple whom Jesus loved” and wrote Gospel of John, 1, 2, 3 John, and Revelation.
- Andrew the brother of Peter. Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus (John 1: 41-42). Fisherman.
- Philip. Like Peter and Andrew, he was from Bethsaida. After he discovered Jesus, Philip found Nathanael and brought him to Jesus (John 1:45).
- Bartholomew. Was also known as Nathanael (who Philip brought to Jesus.)
- Matthew. Also known as Levi. Tax collector called by Jesus in Mark 2:14. Wrote Gospel of Matthew.
- Thomas. Characterized in the Gospels with both despondency and devotion. Hard to believe good news when it was brought to him. Doubted that others had seen the resurrected Lord. aka ‘doubting Thomas’
- James the son of Alphaeus. aka “James the Less” (Mark 15:40) which could mean “James the younger” or “James the small in stature”.
- Thaddaeus. Likely also called Judas—but not Judas Iscariot. (John 14:22; Acts 1:13)
- Simon the Cananaean. “Cananaean” is Aramaic term for ‘zealot’. Luke calls him ‘Simon the Zealot’ in Luke 6:15 and Acts 1:13. The ‘Zealots’ were a group united in opposition to Roman occupation of Israel and committed to rebellion against them.
- Judas Iscariot. Betrayed Jesus. aka ‘Judas the betrayer’. He was also a thief (John 12:6), an instrument of the devil (John 6:70-71), and a murderer (he committed suicide).

→ The fundamentals of the ministry—of our ministry—YOUR ministry if you are a follower of Jesus Christ:

- Proclamation of the Gospel message.
- Authority over evil.

Next week: Nov. 13 – 1 Combined worship service at 10:45 (Discipleship Classes at 9:45)

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