

# Study of Mark – Lesson 07

## Mark 3:13-19 Choosing the Disciples

### Jesus Appoints the Twelve

**3** <sup>13</sup> Jesus went up on a mountainside / and called to him / those he wanted, / and they came to him. / <sup>14</sup> He appointed twelve / that they might be with him / and that he might send them out to preach / <sup>15</sup> and to have authority / to drive out demons. / <sup>16</sup> These are the twelve he appointed: / Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), / <sup>17</sup> James / son of Zebedee/ and his brother John / (to them he gave the name Boanerges, / which means “sons of thunder”), / <sup>18</sup> Andrew, / Philip, / Bartholomew, / Matthew, / Thomas, / James / son of Alphaeus, / Thaddaeus, / Simon the Zealot / <sup>19</sup> and Judas Iscariot, / who betrayed him.

### Vocabulary

1. **To appoint, appointed:** To select someone for a position or a job. Employed, hired, Signed up. *Jesus appointed 12 men.*
2. **Authority:** Power.
3. **Zealot:** An extremist. A fanatic. *A Jewish rebel against the ancient Romans.*

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## **Questions**

1. Who are the twelve Jesus called to work with him?
2. Why would he need a group of men? Why didn't he do it all himself?
3. What two things did Jesus prepare them to do?

## **Notes (William Barclay. *The Gospel of Mark.*)**

1. Jesus began his ministry, traveled through many villages and towns, and developed his following. If something happened to him, what would become of his message? He had two very practical problems:
  - A way to make his message permanent when something happened to him. Of that, he had no doubt.
  - He had to find a way to disseminate (broadcast, publicize, spread) his message. One man could not reach so large a group of people.His solution: choose certain committed men who would go out from his practice and carry that message abroad.
2. Christianity began with a group. They lived in and created a fellowship, for the gospel bound men and women together. Hopefully, it continues to do that today.
3. Christianity began with a very mixed group, going from one extreme to another. Look at the chart and compare the men. These men had not special qualifications as judged by men: not wealthy, no special social position, no special education, and not trained in religion.
4. The disciples had two special qualifications: They felt the magnetic attraction of Jesus, and took him as their master teacher; they had the

courage to walk with him and give up many benefits. They risked everything to follow Jesus.

5. Jesus called his disciples for two purposes:

- He wanted them to be with him as his steady and constant companions. They were to identify their lives with him. Others would come and go, but not these men.
- He called them to send them out as his representatives. Jesus gave them two things, a message and a power. They had a teaching to offer and the power to cast out demons.

### **The Twelve Disciples of Jesus**

<b>Name &amp; Occupation</b>	<b>Outstanding Traits</b>	<b>Major events in his life.</b>
1. Simon Peter Fisherman	Impulsive, and later, bold in preaching about Jesus	One of the 3 in the core group around Jesus. Many events; died a believer and martyr.
2. James Fisherman	Ambitious, short tempered, judgmental, and deeply committed to Jesus	Also in core group. Asked Jesus for place of honor in his kingdom, and also wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan village.
3. John Fisherman	Ambitious, judgmental, “the disciple Jesus loved”	3 <sup>rd</sup> in the core group around Jesus. A leader of Jerusalem church, wrote Gospel of John, 1,2,3 <sup>rd</sup> John and Revelation
4. Andrew Fisherman	Eager to bring others to Jesus	Accepted John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus
5. Philip Fisherman	Questioning attitude	Told Nathanael (Bartholomew) about Jesus. Questioned how Jesus could feed 5,000

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6. Nathanael (Bartholomew) Occupation Unknown	Honesty and straight-forwardness.	Initially rejected Jesus because he was from Nazareth, but acknowledged him as <i>son of God</i> and <i>King on Israel</i> when they met.
7. Matthew (Levi) Tax collector	Despised outcast because of his dishonest career.	Abandoned career. Wrote Gospel of Matthew
8. Thomas (the twin) Occupation Unknown	Courage and doubt	Suggested disciples go with Jesus to Bethany, even if it meant death. Refused to believe Jesus was risen until he could see the wounds on his hands
9. James, (son of Alphaeus) Occupation Unknown	Unknown	Became one of Jesus' disciples
10. Thaddaeus (Judas, son of James) Occupation Unknown	Unknown	Asked Jesus why he would reveal himself to his followers and not to the world.
11. Simon the Zealot Occupation Unknown	Fierce Patriotism	Became a disciple of Jesus
12. Judas Iscariot Occupation Unknown	Treacherous and greedy	One of Jesus's disciples; betrayed Jesus; killed himself