

Jesus: The One Who Sends Mark 3:13-19

Jesus is calling you out of the crowd

"And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve..." Mark 3:13-14a

- Jesus is up to something new, but it's old. Exodus 18:25; 1 Samuel 12:6; 2 Samuel 7:16
 - Jesus enters from the East, emerges from the Jordan, is resilient for 40 days, enters the Land
 - The importance of the twelve and the restoration of the tribes. Acts 1:15-26
 - Rabbis don't choose their disciples, the disciples choose their Rabbi. Mark 3:14; John 8:34
 - To acknowledge the call of Jesus starts with acknowledging His authority. Luke 5:2-11

The call to be WITH Jesus

*"And He appointed twelve, so that they would **be with Him...**"* Mark 3:14a

- It is possible to be AROUND Jesus and not really KNOW Jesus. Mark 3:11-1
- Being WITH Jesus is not easier
 - Share the toil of the ministry, harassment of the crowds. Mark 3:20;6:31-33
 - Share in the same bitter suffering. Mark 10:39
- The fruit of being WITH Jesus. Mark 5:35-43; Acts 3:1-10; 4:1-14
*"Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been **with** Jesus."* Acts 4:13

The call to be SENT by Jesus

*"And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could **send** them out to **preach**, and to have **authority to cast out the demons**."* Mark 3:14-15

- Jesus was SENT by God the Father. John 14:8-1
- Jesus SENT the apostles to go. John 17:18
"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world." John 17:18

Their companionship and being WITH Jesus is to lead to service that benefits others, not just on the receiving end of this power, but to become channels that it might touch others.

The call to be CHANGED by Jesus

"And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder")...and Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him." Mark 3:16-19

- We are not only called by Jesus, but we can be changed by Jesus
 - Simon, nickname of Peter (rock), impulsive, loud mouthed, becomes leader of the early believers
 - James and John, Sons of Thunder, Luke 9:54 + Mark 9:38-41
 - "Doubting Thomas" and "Judas the Betrayer" for all church history
 - Matthew the Tax Collector and Simon the Zealot

What is Jesus calling you to today?

- (1) To come out of the crowd (2) To be WITH Him (3) To be SENT by Him (4) To be CHANGED by Him

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

Jesus is doing something very intentional in this passage. This is far more than a list of names. When Jewish people heard the number 12, they thought the tribes of Israel. He is essentially the “new Joshua” relaunching life in Israel. Jesus interrupts the old streams of authority and says that He is the fulfillment of all the shadowy traditions that have been long held by the current powers in Jerusalem.

First Jesus calls the twelve His “disciples,” meaning “learners.” Luke points out that Jesus names the twelve “apostles” meaning “a sent one” or “shaliah.” *“And when day came, He called His **disciples** to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as **apostles**.”* (Luke 6:13) The Mishnah says, “The one sent by the man is as the man himself.”

- Apostle: authorized emissary (ambassador), someone who does something for someone else
 - Jesus is an apostle sent by God. Hebrews 3:1
 - Paul is an apostle. Romans 1:1; 2 Corinthians 1:4; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1
 - The Twelve (a unique subset of apostles)

“They came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him, and began saying to Him, ‘By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?’” (Mark 11: 27-28)

God (authorizing) --->
(Sender)

Jesus --->
(God’s Agent)

Apostles (Twelve)
(Secondary agents)

He selects whom He sends

Authorizes His agents with binding authority

He bears the authority of the Father in the world

He speaks and acts only on His Sender’s authority

They bear the binding authority of Jesus and Father

The speak and act in the name of Jesus

The Obligation: To honor the wishes of the one who sent you, to bear derivative authority.

The Limitations: To speak and act as Jesus would speak and act, no more, no less.

The Privilege: To represent Jesus to the world.

“God did not direct His call to Isaiah - Isaiah overheard God saying, ‘...who will go for Us?’ The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear God’s call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and exactly what I hear depends on my spiritual attitude” - Oswald Chambers

Next Steps:

DISCOVER CALVARY - MEMBERSHIP: Come learn about the Calvary family and church membership today at 12:30 pm in Fireside from 12:30-3:00pm. We’ll talk about how God designed His church to function, the history and beliefs of Calvary, opportunities to get involved and more. Lunch is provided. calvarylife.org/membership

DISABILITY MINISTRY CONFERENCE: Help advance quality ministry to those with disabilities and special needs by coming together to connect and collaborate at the 6th annual DMC here at Calvary on Saturday, April 28. Register for \$35 (includes lunch) and learn more at the Lobby table or go online to calvarylife.org/disability

SERVE AT NEIGHBORGOOD: Help demonstrate God’s love to our neighborhood on Saturday, May 5, from 8:00am-12:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help in the car clinic, health + salon center, farmers’ market, bike shop, kid zone and more. Find out about this day to bless our neighbors and sign up at calvarylife.org/good



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