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MARK 3:13-19; 6:6b-13

LESSON: A VICTORIOUS KINGDOM — June 18, 2023

INTRODUCTION:

CHAPTER 3:7-12 Jesus' impact upon people was unbelievable. In a few months the whole nation was aroused to seek after the One called Jesus of Nazareth, the Promised Messiah. Jesus had withdrawn Himself with His disciples to the sea, and a "great multitude" came following Him from Galilee, Jerusalem, Idumaea, and beyond Jordan, Tyre and Sidon (3:7-8). The crowds were enormous; a "great multitude" (is mentioned twice in vv. 7-8), even to the point of thronging Him, so Jesus tells His disciples to wait on Him because of the multitude thronging Him (3:9), that's, pressed in upon Him trying to touch Him, for many had plagues. And to prevent Him from being crushed by the crowd, His disciples needed to wait on Him (3:10). Jesus' impact upon evil spirits was just as dramatic for when they saw Him, they fell down before Him and cried acknowledging His Messiahship: "Thou art the Son of God" (3:11). And Jesus strictly charged them that they should not make Him known (3:12).

LESSON:

I. HIS SELECTIONS MARK 3:13-19

3:13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.

Now, Jesus goes into a mountain and takes the time to call, pick out, and chose some choice men to go in with Him. Many followed Him, but there were few who showed more interest and commitment than others. Those...

- Four were fishermen.
- one was a hated tax collector.
- one was a radical fanatic of the Zealots.
- others, little was known about them.

However, in all of that, Jesus looked at the heart of those He chose. And they came to Him. They went away from their former work, and were willing to take on the new work assignments on their lives by Jesus.

3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,—

Jesus ordained, meant that He picked; appointed His 12 disciples with credentials to the office of being His ministers on earth that would be with Him and be sent forth to preach. Four things to happen:

1. The disciples were appointed to be with Jesus—live in His presence; hear Him, and draw their spiritual nourishment and strength from Him. God called men to "Know" Him, begin an intimate, personal fellowship and devotion with Him before all else.
2. The disciples were appointed to be sent forth—be His ambassadors; His representatives among the people of the world.
3. The disciples were appointed to preach—be His heralds; the messengers of Jesus Christ. He had a message for the world and they were to proclaim **Jesus'** message to the world, not their own opinion or views.

3:15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:—

4. The disciples were appointed to receive power—the power to heal sicknesses and cast out devils.
 - a. The word for power is not "*dunamis*", the supernatural power of God. It is "*exousia*", a delegated power or authority. The servant of God is not given the power of God to use as the servant wills, but the servant is given the authority to specifically minister by healing and casting out demons. The servant prays and speaks the Word, and then God does the actual healing and casting out of the demon.
 - b. We see here that the "*spiritual world or dimension of being*" is acknowledged. But, it is with God's authority, they are delegated to cast out demons. **1John 3:8** says "*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil.*"

3:16 And Simon he surnamed Peter;— This list of disciples were men changed by Jesus, but each man had to



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be willing to be changed.

1. The names are Simon to be called Peter. Peter had strengths and he had weaknesses:

- Self-sacrificing (Matt.1:16-18; Mk.8:14) —yet Self-seeking (Matt.9:27).
- Spiritual minded (Matt.16:16-19) —yet slow to learn spiritual truth (Matt.15:15-16).
- Child-like and humble (Mk.11:21; Jh.13:6-11) —yet presumptuous & prideful (Matt.16:22-23; 26-51; Lk.8:45).
- Trusting (Matt.14:26-29) —yet disbelieving (Matt.14:30).
- Tenderhearted & loving (Matt.26:75; Jh.21:15-17) —yet overbearing (Matt.16:22-23; 26:51).
- Courageous (Matt.26:51; 26:28) —yet cowardly (Matt.26:69-74).

Peter was changed dramatically after Jesus' resurrection and after Pentecost. **Peter requested to be crucified upside down** at Rome by Nero.

3:17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:— Others picked and appointed were:

- 2. James and John were brothers, sons of Zebedee** (a prosperous fisherman with high social position).
- 3. James and John** were men of stormy tempers, so much that Jesus called them "*the sons of thunder.*"
 - a. Their tempers are seen when they asked Jesus to destroy a Samaritan village with fire for rejecting Him (Lk.9:54).
 - b. They also wanted the highest offices in the coming kingdom of Jesus (Matt.20:20-21).

Jesus dramatically changed their stormy tempers into a burning zeal and ambition for God. They became two of the greatest witnesses for God ever known. **James became the first of the twelve to be martyred.** And **John was the longest living disciple,** becoming one of the greatest literary giants of all times.

3:18 And Andrew, and Phillip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,— Others picked and appointed were:

- 4. Andrew was apparently the first disciple of Jesus.** He had been a disciple of John the Baptist. When John the Baptist pointed out that Jesus was the Messiah, Andrew was convinced that Jesus was the true Messiah! Jesus met his craving for the Messianic hope, and enlarged his gifts of love and caring. Tradition says Andrew preached in Jerusalem, and was crucified for preaching against idolatry, and was **hung on a cross in the shape of an X.**
- 5. Phillip did not seek Jesus, but Jesus sought him.** He almost missed the opportunity to become an apostle of Jesus.
 - a. Slow in responding to demonstrate faith, when Jesus asked to feed the multitude (Jh.6:5-7).
 - b. Slow in responding when some Greeks wanted to interview Jesus (Jh.12:21-22).
 - c. Slow in understanding who Jesus was (Jh.14:8).

Jesus changed him and made him a man of strong faith. This is seen in that he stood fast and fearless even in the face of martyrdom. Tradition tells us that he **died as a martyr at Hierapolis.**

- 6. Little is known about Bartholomew** also known as Nathaniel. Philip brought Bartholomew to Jesus. Jesus said to him, "*Here is a true Israelite!*" After Jesus' ascension, it is said Bartholomew traveled to the east and then to Greater Armenia.

Bartholomew was flayed (skinned alive), and beheaded there for converting the king to Christianity.

- 7. Matthew was a tax collector,** an outcast of society, a traitor to the Jewish people, and he felt the alienation and rejection ever so deeply.

Yet, **Jesus took Matthew and changed** his life and met every need of his heart. He spread the Word and help plant new congregants to spread the Word. **Matthew was martyred by being staked and speared to the ground.**





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8. Thomas (meaning the twin) was a man of courage and loyalty.

- a. This is seen in his suggestion that the disciples follow Jesus even if it meant death (Jh.11:8, 16).
- b. But he was also a skeptic, a pessimist, and a doubter.

However, **the resurrection of Jesus changed Thomas**; changed him completely. He has given to the world one of the strongest testimonies possible (Jh.20:28). Tradition says that Thomas went carrying the gospel to Parthia (India), that great continent. He is said to have **died a martyr's death killed with a spear**.

9. Little is known about James, the son of Alphaeus. He is also called James the Less, to mean younger, or small in stature. His father was Alphaeus.

James was willing to be changed by Jesus, to become a true disciple of the Lord. He did not forsake the disciples after crucifixion, but stayed right there with them. **James**, the son of Alphaeus was preaching in Jerusalem, and was **stoned to death by the Jews**, and was buried there beside the temple.

10. Little is known about Thaddaeus, also known as Labbaeus or Judas. Thaddaeus' name means *breast, or one that praises, or man of heart*. This reveals that he had a big heart, one who gave himself to help minister to others.

Tradition tells us that **Thaddaeus** was **beaten with a club and killed as a martyr** at the city of Edessa for his faith.

11. Simon the Canaanite was a member of the fanatical Jewish party known as the Zealots. The party held that God alone was to be the Ruler and Lord of the Jewish nation. They hated and bitterly opposed all foreign (Roman) domination. They preached and led revolutionary uprisings against the Roman government when they could be formed.

The power of Jesus to change a man's heart is seen in Simon the Zealot. Even after his conversion and call, he still wanted his zeal to be known as one totally devoted to Jesus Christ, the true Messiah! Tradition tells us that **Simon the Canaanite** was **martyred by being cut in half with a saw**.

3:19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house. The last one picked and appointed by Jesus was...

12. Judas Iscariot, betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, and identified Jesus with a kiss. He was the treasurer for the 12 apostles.

Judas was the only disciple unwilling to have his heart and life changed by Jesus. **Judas' demise was that he hung himself**. Jesus and his hand-picked disciples went into a house.

II. HIS COMMISSION MARK 6:6b-13

INTRODUCTION:

The **6th Chapter of Mark 1-6a** proceeds with the second cycle of stories about Jesus and His ministry with the account where Jesus returns to His own country; hometown to teach in the synagogue at Nazareth, and His disciples followed Him. On the Sabbath He taught in the synagogue and the people were astonished, and questioning His wisdom and His mighty works because they knew Him to be the carpenter, the son of Mary, with brothers and sisters, and so they are offended at Him. Jesus says, *"Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor"* (6:4) NIV. And Jesus could not do any mighty works, and God's power was blocked for the whole community except to place His hands on a few sick people and heal them. They had His presence, His wisdom, the testimony of His mighty works, and His power to help them in all their needs, yet they stayed away from His meetings. In pride they refused to trust and believe Him. And Jesus marveled (was amazed) because of their unbelief; lack of faith, He had to accept their rejection. He could not force Himself upon them.

6:6b And he went round about the villages, teaching. So Jesus is rejected in His hometown of Nazareth, and thereby goes out around the other villages teaching.

6:7 And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power

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over unclean spirits;— They In verses 7-13, Jesus calls His twelve disciples and sends them out two by two with authority over unclean spirits.

6:8 And commanded them that they should take nothing for their Journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money In their purse:— Jesus instructs His disciples with specific instructions:

1. The disciples were instructed on what provisions they are to take and not to take on their journey: take a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse. The disciples were to live in utter simplicity and humility, knowing that God would supply their every need.

6:9 But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

2. The disciples were also instructed what to wear: wear sandals for protection and coolness and comfort for the feet.
3. The disciples are also instructed what not to wear: don't wear two coats, for this would display extravagance and wasteful living.

6:10 And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

4. The disciples were instructed on how they will be received: whenever you enter a house, stay there; abide there until you depart from that place/town. The disciples were to show stability and settledness.

6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha In the day of Judgment, than for that city.

5. The disciples were instructed on how they will not be received: whosoever shall not receive you; will not welcome you, nor hear; listen to you, so when ye depart; leave that place and, shake the dust off from under your feet for a testimony against them. This showed them how to handle rejection of those who were not hospitable and receptive to them. Jesus says *"Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city."* This was said for the fact that *Sodom and Gomorrha* had no gospel witness, but this city had a witness, but refused to receive or hear.

6:12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent. They were sent out by Jesus, proclaiming repentance. They were to proclaim **Jesus'** message, not their own opinion or views to the world, that men should repent, and By repenting of their sins, you're turning away from your old life of sin, and turning to a new life with Jesus. Jesus carried the same message as John the Baptist. And Jesus' disciples were to do the same.

6:13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. The disciples were sent forth to cast out devils, and anoint people with oil, and heal the sick.

- Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit's presence.
- Oil is a symbol of God's care, comfort, and joy of His mercy to us. It is the oil of gladness!

SUMMARY:

13 Now, Jesus goes into a mountain and calls those whom He invites to go in with Him, and they came unto Him. **14** Jesus ordained, picked, and appointed His 12 disciples that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach, **15** and to have power over sicknesses, and cast out devils. **16** He calls out Simon to be called Peter, James the son of Zebedee, John, brother of James, Andrew, Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite. And Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him: and they went into a house (**3:13-19**).

6b So Jesus is rejected in His hometown of Nazareth, and thereby goes out around other villages teaching. **7-13** He called His twelve disciples, and began to send them forth equipped, and with specific instructions as He commanded, and they went out as Jesus instructed. (**6:6b-13**).

