

THIRTY THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS THE APOSTLES

MK 1:16-20, 3:13-19; MT 4:18-22, 9:9-17, 19-19:27-28; LK 5:1-11,27-39, 6:13-19,22:28-30; JN 1:37-51

The calling of the 12 was not an instantaneous act, but a progression over time. This sermon places the events together to get the 'big picture' of the Apostolic ministry.

THE INITIAL SIX | JOHN 1:37-51

- Two disciples of John the Baptist: Andrew and (presumably) John.
- One brother: Simon Peter
- Two friends: Philip and Nathanael

THE GALILEAN CALL

- The fishermen | Mark 1:16-22 | Luke 5:1-11
 - The contradiction between Mark and Luke?
 - Mark says Jesus was walking and saw Simon and Andrew “casting a net into the sea” and invited them to follow Him, which they **straightway** did.
 - Luke says Jesus was standing and saw two boats and, “the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.”
 - The harmony between Mark and Luke
 - Mark and Luke are telling different parts of the same story, and both are accurate.
 - Jesus saw the brothers (with whom he was friends since John’s day), as they were fishing, and invited them to follow Him. “straightway” in v. 18 should be translated “and so,” since Mark’s usage doesn’t demand back-to-back chronology. (*Journal of Ministry and Theology* 1.1 (1997): 106.)
 - Upon coming to shore, they clean their nets, then get with Jesus into their boat and received the instruction to “put out into the deep water.”
 - Finally, “they left everything and followed Him” (Luke 5:11).
- The Tax Collector | Luke 5:27-39 | Matthew 9:9-17
 - Levi (Matthew) had a party to introduce his friends to Jesus.
 - The Pharisees did not approve of the guest list.

- Jesus used this opportunity to declare, “I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”
- Jesus declared himself to be the Bridegroom who will be taken away during this time the attendants will fast.
- Jesus announced that the *new cloth* of His Messianic ministry could not be torn to patch the *old garment*. If the "old garment" is the Law (a logical assumption based on context) and the "new garment" is life in Christ, one should not try to mix these two, yet such is done all the time...making neither old nor new of any value.
- Jesus announced a new wine, but one that would not be ready for good consumption for some time.

THE MOUNTAINTOP ORDINATION | MARK 3:13-19 | LK 6:13-19

- They were selected at His will, and “made twelve.” The emphasis is on the 12 as a unit. He did not make/ordain/appoint apostles, but “made twelve.”
- This group had a threefold task:
 - To be with Him,
 - To be sent to preach,
 - To have authority to cast out the demons.

THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE | MATTHEW 19:27-28 | LUKE 22:29-30

- The “regeneration” is the Kingdom of God.
- At this regeneration, the “Son of man will sit on His glorious throne.”
- Also at this regeneration, the Apostles are promised thrones of their own, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
- This is the reason that Judas’ position had to be filled after his death.

APOSTLES TODAY

- To assume that there are modern day apostles is to abuse the clear teaching of the New Testament.
- There were only 12 Apostles. Later one would be replaced and a 13th would be added.
 - The early believers would question the 13th, with good reason.
- The concept of modern day apostles is unbiblical and should be rejected.