

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 6-16-24
Christianity 102 – Message 36 Part 3
Jesus chooses 12 men to send out to preach.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Matthew traded the old life for a new life when Jesus said, "Follow me."
- 2) The hardness of heart of the religiously righteous here grieved and angered Jesus.
- 3) Guarding the heart for the believer against being hardened through life's situations and circumstances ought to be a high priority.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) We get to walk in the midst of another crowd that has assembled to see and hear Jesus.
- 2) Are you READY? Is your heart surrendered to the Lord in all things?

2. Jesus keeps on keeping on: **Mark 3:7-12**

a. Jesus walks toward the water: **Verse 7-8**

- 1) There is a good but dangerous side to these crowds forming and following Jesus.
- 2) **Verse 10** - have a boat ready –
- 3) **Verse 9** – in case the crowd presses Him back toward the water.

b. Some are set free from the power of satan.

- 1) **Verse 11** – some were delivered from being possessed by demons.
 - a) How did they know Him?
- 2) **Verse 12** – Jesus commanded the evil spirits to be quiet.

c. Application:

- 1) We have those who have been sick, maybe even lame and now –
- 2) We have those who are hearing the truth and –
- 3) We have some who are religious zealots standing with –
- 4) We have some you hear a shrieking and falling to the ground crying out –
- 5) The important questions here:
 - a) What will those who were healed do now?
 - b) What will those who witnessed the healing do now?
 - c) What about those who sensed Jesus was speaking directly to their heart?
 - d) What will the religious zealots do now?

d. Application:

- 1) What did you do the day Jesus set you free?
- 2) As your knowledge of what God did for you that day increased, how are you responding moment by moment and day by day?

3. Jesus chooses 12 to train and send: **Mark 3:13-19**

a. First thing Jesus does:

- 1) When you study the Gospels chronologically you sometimes see important steps being taken before important decision are made.

a) **Luke 6:12** –

- 2) Application – do you pray before making big decisions in your life?

b. Twelve men just like you and me:

- 1) Why say that?
 - a) We can relate to these men –

2) I Corinthians 1:26-31

- a) What strikes you about this passage?
 - b) **Verse 26** – Jesus doesn't call the "**wise**", skilled in letter and learned or the "**mighty**", mighty in wealth and influence, or the "**noble**", high and noble birth.
 - c) **Verse 27** – God has chosen the "**foolish things**", those without learning or extensive reading to "**confound**" or put to shame the "**wise**" of this world. God has chosen the "**weak**", those destitute of power among men to confound the "**mighty**", those who wield power among men by their rank, authority and riches.
 - d) **Verse 28** – God has chosen the "**base**", the person of no name or reputation, men held of no account and also things which are "**despised**", those of no account, utterly despised are the ones God has chosen to serve and lead.
 - e) **Verse 29** – This is why God does this.
 - f) **Verse 30-31** – Where does my help come from?
4. It is dangerous to be deceitful: **Mark 3:19**
- a. Judas Iscariot:
 - 1) How can you explain this whole situation?
 - 2) Judas is described as being a traitor.
 - 3) Application – Do you think it is possible to be near Christ and even associate with Him closely and yet become utterly hardened by sin?
 - 4) Application – Do you think that Judas could have turned to Jesus?
 - b. Judas the outsider.
 - 1) "Judas" means – "Jehovah leads"
 - 2) Does this surprise you? – No one except Jesus knew who the traitor was.
 - 3) Judas had given his life to follow Jesus, but he never gave Jesus his heart.
 - 4) Judas, like many who attend church, had many opportunities to turn from sin.
 - 5) Application – you need to think about these things –
 - c. Being deceitful, a temptation we all face.
 - 1) What truly concerns me about this is that –
5. Today's Take Away:
- a. The Bible states that "we love Him because He first loved us." I John 4:19
 - b. Judas was being deceitful about who he was as one who followed Christ.
 - 1) Are you being deceitful?