

**Session 6: The Calling of the Apostles**

**Matthew 10:1-42; 12:15-21; Mark 3:7-19; 6:7-13; Luke 6:12-16; 9:1-6**

**Jesus Teaches/Heals Great Multitudes by the Sea of Galilee**

<b>Matthew 12:15-21</b>	<b>Mark 3:7-12</b>	<b>Luke 6:17-19</b>
<p>15 But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all,</p> <p>16 and warned them not to make Him known,</p> <p>17 in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled, saying,</p> <p>18 "BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL-PLEASED; I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND</p>	<p>7 And Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and from Judea,</p> <p>8 and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him.</p> <p>9 And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the crowd, so that they would not crowd Him;</p> <p>10 for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him.</p> <p>11 And whenever the unclean spirits were seeing Him, they would fall down before Him and cry out, saying, "You are the Son of God!"</p> <p>12 And He earnestly warned them not to tell who He was.</p>	<p>17 Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon,</p> <p>18 who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured.</p> <p>19 And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.</p>

<p><b>HE SHALL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES. 19 HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT; NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS. 20 A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK OFF, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT PUT OUT, UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY. 21 AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE."</b></p>		
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**Jesus Selects Twelve Apostles**

<b>Matthew 10:1-4</b>	<b>Mark 3:13-19</b>	<b>Luke 6:12-16</b>
<p><b>1 And summoning His twelve disciples, Jesus gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.</b></p> <p><b>2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;</b></p> <p><b>3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son</b></p>	<p><b>13 And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him.</b></p> <p><b>14 And He appointed twelve (whom He also named apostles) to be with Him and to send them out to preach,</b></p> <p><b>15 and to have authority to cast out the demons.</b></p> <p><b>16 And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter),</b></p> <p><b>17 and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder");</b></p> <p><b>18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son</b></p>	<p><b>12 Now it happened that at this time He went off to the mountain to pray, and He was spending the whole night in prayer to God.</b></p> <p><b>13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:</b></p> <p><b>14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew; 15 and Matthew and Thomas; James the</b></p>

<p><i>of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;</i>  <i>4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.</i></p>	<p><i>of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot;</i>  <i>19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.</i></p>	<p><i>son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot;</i>  <i>16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.</i></p>
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**John 14:22**

22 Judas (not Iscariot) \*said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?”

**Jesus Sends the Twelve On Mission**

<b>Matthew 10:5-42</b>	<b>Mark 6:7-13</b>	<b>Luke 9:1-6</b>
<p><i>5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, “Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans;</i>  <i>6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.</i>  <i>7 “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’</i>  <i>8 “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.</i>  <i>9 “Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts,</i>  <i>10 or a bag for your journey, or even two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support.</i>  <i>11 “And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who</i></p>	<p><i>7 And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and was giving them authority over the unclean spirits;</i></p> <p><i>8 and He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a staff only—no bread, no bag, no money in their belt—</i></p>	<p><i>1 And calling the twelve together, He gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases.</i>  <i>2 And He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.</i></p> <p><i>3 And He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; nor have two tunics a piece.</i></p>

<p><b>is worthy in it, and stay there until you leave.</b></p> <p>12 <b>"Now as you enter the house, give it your greeting.</b></p> <p>13 <b>"And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.</b></p> <p>14 <b>"And whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you leave that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.</b></p> <p>15 <b>"Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.</b></p>	<p>9 but to wear sandals; and He added, "Do not put on two tunics."</p> <p>10 <b>And He was saying to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town.</b></p> <p>11 <b>"And any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them."</b></p> <p>12 <b>And they went out and preached that men should repent.</b></p> <p>13 <b>And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.</b></p>	<p>4 <b>"And whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city.</b></p> <p>5 <b>"And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."</b></p> <p>6 <b>And departing, they were going throughout the villages, proclaiming the gospel, and healing everywhere.</b></p>
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## Jesus Instructed the Twelve on Mission (Matthew 10:16-42)

### The Promise of Persecution

16 **"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.**

17 **"But beware of men, for they will deliver you over to the courts and flog you in their synagogues;**

18 **and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.**

19 **"But when they deliver you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given to you in that hour what you are to say.**

20 **"For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.**

- 21** *“And brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.*
- 22** *“And you will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.*
- 23** *“But whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.*

### **The Meaning of Discipleship**

- 24** *“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.*
- 25** *“It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!*
- 26** *“Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed and hidden that will not be known.*
- 27** *“What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.*
- 28** *“And do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*
- 29** *“Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.*
- 30** *“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*
- 31** *“So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.*
- 32** *“Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.*
- 33** *“But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.*
- 34** *“Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.*
- 35** *“For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;*
- 36** *and A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.*
- 37** *“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.*
- 38** *“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.*
- 39** *“He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.*

**Assarion = 1/10 of a drachma (1 drachma = the daily wage of a skilled worker)**

### The Reward of Service

- 40 *“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.*
- 41 *“He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward.*
- 42 *“And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”*

### Memory Verse:

*“Therefore, everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”*

Matthew 10:32-33

### Discussion Questions

1. What is an *“apostle?”* Are you an apostle? Why or why not?
2. What opposition have you faced in your Christian walk?
3. How do you *confess* or *deny* Jesus *before men*?
4. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, *“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it”* (Matthew 10:38-39)?
5. Mark said that Jesus gave His apostles *“authority.”* What authority did He give them? What authority has Jesus given you?
6. *Have we been given the same authority to heal and cast out demons? Are we missing something? IS our calling different than the first apostles? If so, how?*