

“Living With Authority”

Mark 3: 13 - 19

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(Mark 3:13–15, ESV)*

1. Why is it that I even know Christ?

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he DESIRED (Impf.Act.Ind), and they came to him.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.” (John 15:16, ESV)

- a. What does this text say about how we come to know Christ?
- b. What does this text say about why we are chosen by Christ?
- c. What does this text say about the proof that we have been chosen?
- d. What does this text say about how we are able to do what is expected of us?

2. How do I know that I am properly living within my called to Christ?

And he APPOINTED (Aor.Act.Ind) twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him

a) “As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” b) But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. c) And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.” (Luke 24:36–43, ESV)

- a. Is Christ the very center of all I do and think?
- b. What happens when Christ is not the center of all I do and think?
- c. How does Jesus refocus His follower’s attention?

3. What is my singular purpose in knowing Christ?

and he might send them out TO PREACH (Pres.Act.Inf) and HAVE (Pres.Act.Inf) authority TO CAST OUT (Pres.Act.Inf) demons.

“But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles...” (Galatians 1:15–16, ESV)

- a. How does the unbelieving world see Jesus Christ?
- b. How does this understanding change once Christ becomes a reality in a person’s life?