

"Dubious Recruits"

The Significance of the Twelve

- Jesus was responding to the **ANIMOSITY** of the religious leaders.
Luke 22:28-30 (ESV) - *"You are those who have stayed with me in my trials,²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom,³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*
- Jesus was laying the **GORUNDWORK** for his ongoing mission in the world.
Ephesians 2:19-20 (ESV) - *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,
2 Peter 3:1-2 (ESV) - *This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.
Acts 2:42 (ESV) - *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.***

A Monumental Decision

A Method to the Madness

1. Jesus is more interested in **AVAILABILITY** and **TEACHABILITY** than in intelligence, strength, or charisma.
2. Jesus is determined to use a variety of **INDIVIDUALS**.
3. Jesus is intent on using individuals in a variety of **WAYS**.
1 Corinthians 7:17 (ESV) - *Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.*
4. Jesus uses even the **UNGODLY** to accomplish his purposes.

