

# Jesus' Popularity and Power On Display

Luke – the Acts of Jesus

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# **THE POPULARITY AND POWER OF JESUS ON DISPLAY**

# His Popularity

- The People who came to hear
  - The apostles (6:12-16)
  - The large crowd of disciples (6:17b)
  - The great throng of other people (6:17c)
    - The Jews, an inclusive statement (of all the Jews)
    - The Gentiles, even from places God had judged (cf., Ez 26-28)

# His Power

- They came to hear
  - Lk's record of the Sermon on the Mt. (cf., Mt 5-7; esp. 7:28*f.*, the people were amazed)
  - His Words are still authoritative (1 Ti 6:3*f.*)
- They came to be healed or to see healings
  - He cured all (6:19; 7:22)
- They came to be relieved from unclean spirits (cf., 4:33-35; 41)

# The Comprehensiveness of Jesus' Ministry

- He brought healing to the mind by teaching the truth.
- He brought healing to the body by reversing the effect of sin's curse; disease.
- He brought relief to the soul by casting out demons.

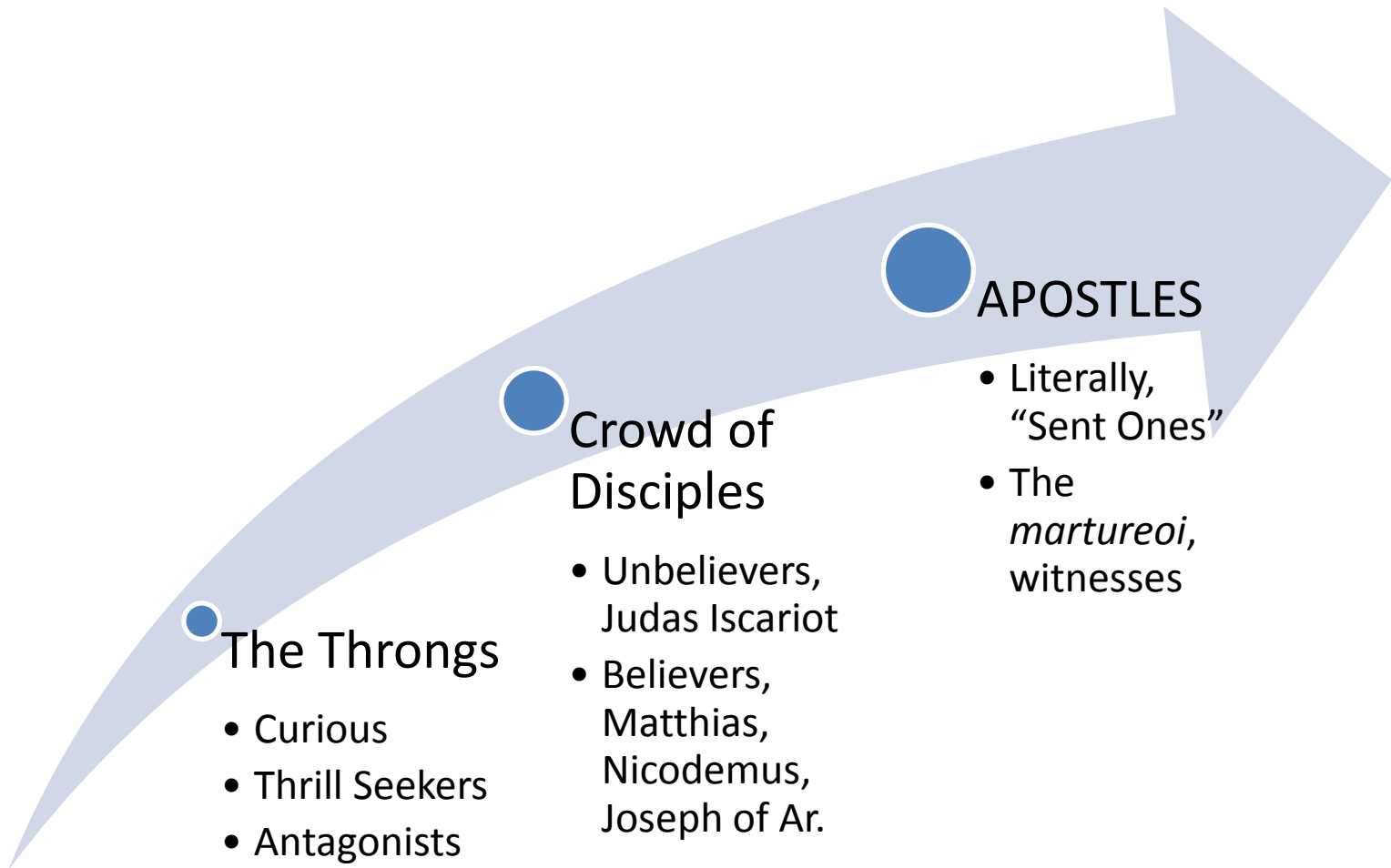
# The Glory of Jesus' Ministry

- His teachings, healings and displays of divine authority and power prove his Messiah-ship.
- The time is coming when we will:
  - Know the Truth, face-to-face (1 Cor 13:12; 1 Jn 3:1-3)
  - Be freed from the effects of the curse (Is 25:8; Rev 21:4)
  - See the destruction of the demonic realm (Mt 25:41; Rev 20:10)
- Jesus is compassionate toward those who are oppressed by sin and suffering (Mt 9:36; 14:14; 20:34; Mk 1:40*f*. Lk 7:13)

# The Continuum of Faith

- The Great Throngs
  - The Curious – just wanted to see what was going on
  - The Thrill-Seekers – just wanted to catch the excitement of signs and wonders
  - The Antagonists – to catch and prosecute, yet, no-one has ever talked like He talks
- The Disciples:
  - Ones who want to be in on the excitement, but do not believe (like Judas Iscariot)
  - Ones who believe and want to grow
- The Apostles – “sent ones”

# The Continuum of Faith







Great Throngs

Many  
Disciples

Apostles