

TWELVE ORDINARY PEOPLE

Mark 3:13-21 (ESV) ¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

Introduction: Our digital society brings wonderful technological benefits—ease of living, global communication, purchasing power—but it can also make us prone to isolation by disconnecting us from real people. It is noteworthy that the Lord Jesus shows us the importance of biblical friendship and companionship in the way he calls his twelve disciples.

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