

“Choosing The Twelve”

Jesus’ Ministry Of Designation And Declaration

Luke 6:12-26

Our Lord Jesus had a growing band of disciples from an expansive geographic area (see v 17). It was time to identify and train key leaders even as he continued to heal and teach “a great crowd of his disciples.” But amidst the urgency of ministry, Jesus knew he must train APOSTLES (from the Gr. *apostello* meaning ‘to send,’ or ‘to appoint as ambassador’) who would represent him well in the world both before and after his crucifixion and ascension. Are you committed to discipleship of Jesus – and of those he designated as leaders of his Church?

I. Calling out in _____ to _____ (v 12).

- 1) This work comes in the context of growing _____ (v 19) and _____ (v 11).
- 2) To pursue a _____ Jesus spent an entire night in _____.
- 3) Jesus was bringing a _____ to his Father (Jn. 17:9) ahead of an important but difficult move in establishing his ministry. God would _____ Jesus’ prayers!

II. Choosing _____ apostles for _____ work (v 13-17a).

- 1) These were _____ men with a unique _____ (Acts 1:21-22).
- 2) The assignment: to be ‘_____ him’ (Mark 3:14) and he ‘_____ them’ (v 17)
- 3) Learn these names well! For they are the _____ of the Church (Eph. 2:20).

III. Curing the _____ who came to him (v 17b - 20).

- 1) The _____ of Jesus had spread geographically drawing a great _____.
- 2) They came to _____ his teaching and his _____ which “healed them all.”
- 3) Jesus _____ his _____ who keep God’s Word! Not one is lost (Jn. 17:12).

IV. Calling Down Divine _____ and _____ (v 20-26).

- 1) Live in the light of these beatitudes and _____. Your identity is not in your
a) _____ account b) _____ c) happiness or d) peer _____.
- 2) Honor the Lord and his apostles by _____ their teachings! They lived on the brink of _____ as eyewitnesses of divine _____ (2 Pe. 1:16)!