

JESUS CHOOSES HIS DISCIPLES



Passages to Study: Matt 10:1-42; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 5:1-11; 27-32;

Read with the class: Matt.10:1-15.

Texts for memorization:

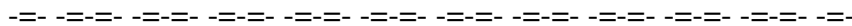
Younger: Mark 3:14. "And He ordained (appointed) twelve, that they should be with Him".

Older Mark 3:14.



OBJECTIVES: To Teach

- 1. That Jesus is looking for disciples.
2. That He taught His disciples by His teaching and actions.
3. That when Jesus sends His own on a mission, He instructs them about their service.
4. That the content of the preaching in the first century is the same as preaching in the present.



SCENE No. 1. At Capernaum, near the Sea of Galilee.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESSON:

Note: It would be well to give a brief review of Luke 5, where the Lord calls some fishermen and later on calls Matthew to follow Him.

- In John 1:43-51 we read the story of the call of Philip and Nathanael.
- Later, after spending a night in prayer, Jesus chose twelve "that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach". (Mark 3:14)
- These twelve men showed that they had a necessary quality for service because when He called them, "they came unto Him".
- Jesus continues to call people to be His disciples.
- The word disciple means LEARNER, one who receives instruction and adopts the thinking of the teacher. Learning requires effort.

Apl. Not only does the Lord call the sinner to free him from condemnation, but also to learn to live a new life.

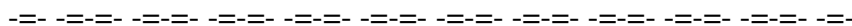
- The disciples Peter, Andrew, John, and James left their nets to follow the Lord Jesus.

Apl. To respond to the call of the Saviour includes a change of attitude towards the things of this life. It means loving Him more than anything else.

- Although this is not mentioned, we can see that Zebedee allowed his sons to go with the Lord.

Apl. Here was a father that knew how to accept what was good for his sons.

- Through the gospel, the Lord Jesus Himself calls each one to follow Him, leaving even parents, work and friends to do so.
- Following the Lord is not for acquiring material gain, but for the privilege of serving God, the only really worthwhile thing in life.
- The Lord knew WHERE the people were to be found that He wanted to call, and HIS PURPOSE in calling them, as well as having in mind a WORK HE WANTED THEM TO DO.



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SCENE No. 2.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESSON:

Note: In this section, we emphasize the activities of the Lord Jesus and the way He taught through His actions and parables. Thus the disciples learned. Some suggested examples and applications follow:

1. On two occasions, Jesus cleansed the temple of money changers and businesses.

Apl. The disciples would learn that God has certain requirements relating to that which bears His Name.

2. Ten lepers asked Him for healing. (Luke 17:12)

Cmt. Leprosy in the Bible is always a figure of uncleanness. Cleansing is necessary in order to be freed from condemnation and put in condition to serve.

Apl. The disciples would learn that Jesus had compassion on the unfortunate and rejected of His times. He gave them the cleansing they requested.

3. The widow and her offering (Mark 12:41-44)

Cmt. The disciples would learn through this that Jesus knew what was given to God and what was retained for self, even though done secretly.

Apl. They would also learn that what is done quietly, although small, is recognized publicly.

4. The parable of the Sower.

Apl. The disciples would learn that in their labour of seeking fruit for God, they would have different responses and varying results. In some cases they would see no fruit at all.

5. The parable of the Good Samaritan who took the injured man to the Inn. (Luke 10:30-35)

Cmt. In the conversation with the teacher of the law, the disciples would learn the wisdom of the Lord Jesus in dealing with mistaken individuals.

Apl. In this parable, the disciples would learn that their Teacher, despised as was the Samaritan, nevertheless came to do good to all and to save from death.

6. Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Matt. 21:1-11.

Apl. The disciples accompanying the Lord on this occasion would learn that He was King and in this way was fulfilling certain prophesies.

