

Lesson VI.

JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE

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Mark 3 : 7-19a. Study Mark 3 : 7-35. *Scripture Memory Verse, 1 Sam. 3 : 8.

Golden Text—He appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.—Mark 3 : 14 (Rev. Ver.).



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7 But Je'sus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea : and a great multitude from Gal'ilee followed him, and from Judæ'a,

8 And from Jeru'salem, and from Idumæ'a, and from beyond Jor'dan ; and they about Tyre and Si'don, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many ; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would : and they came unto him.

14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils :

16 And Si'mon he surnamed Pe'ter ;

17 And James the son of Zeb'edee, and John the brother of James ; and he surnamed

them Boaner'ges, which is, The sons of thunder :

18 And An'drew, and Phil'ip, and Barthol'omew, and Matth'ew, and Thom'as, and James the son of Alphæ'us, and Thaddæ'us, and Si'mon the Ca'naanite,

19 And Ju'das Iscar'iot, which also betrayed him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Crowds followed Jesus wherever he went, in cities, along country roads, and by the sea-side. He was never alone. Everybody heard about the wonderful miracles which he did, and everybody was eager to see him.

"Have you heard that he cured a man sick of the palsy?" one asked. "Yes, and he cured a man with a withered hand," was the reply.

Everybody was talking about him and some people were saying bad things about him. You heard in our story last Sunday how angry the Pharisees were at him. They said he was disobeying the law about keeping the Sabbath day holy, because he did kind, helpful deeds on the Sabbath day. They would have

killed him if they could, but Jesus quietly slipped away to the seashore of Galilee, with his fishermen friends and others.

A great many people followed him from Capernaum and a great many other people came from all parts of the country. Many of them were sick and lame and blind, and they just wanted to touch him so that their diseases might be healed. Jesus told his disciples to have a small ship waiting for him which would take him away from the crowd. Jesus loved to cure the sick and to heal and help people, but he had other work to do as well. He must get men ready to preach and teach and carry his good news all over that land and over all the world.

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