

# HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 6.

NOVEMBER 11th, 1894.

4th QUARTER.

## The Twelve Chosen. MARK 3: 6-10.

(Commit to memory verses 13-15.)

### GOLDEN TEXT.

"I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." John 15: 16.

### PROVE THAT

God honors faithful service. John 12: 26.

### SHORTER CATECHISM.

(Quest. 101. *What do we pray for in the first petition? A. In the first petition (which is, Hallowed be thy name) we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.*

### LESSON HYMNS.

CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, Nos. 123, 113, 120, 105.

### DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the I. B. R. A.)

MONDAY—The Twelve Chosen.

Mark 3: 6-19.

TUESDAY—A Night of Prayer.

Luke 6: 12-19.

WEDNESDAY—Chosen by Christ.

John 15: 13-19.

THURSDAY—Chosen to Serve.

John 13: 12-20.

FRIDAY—God's Choice.

1 Cor. 1: 22-31.

SATURDAY—A Chosen People,

Deut. 7: 6-12.

SABBATH—Fruit-bearing.

John 15: 1-8.

**To the Teacher**—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. *Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.*

**Remember the Examination for Diplomas on January 26th. Read over the Syllabus carefully and ask your teacher to help you to prepare for it.**

## HELPS IN STUDYING.

**INTRODUCTORY.** Instead of rejoicing that the poor man got the use of his arm once more, the Pharisees were filled with bitter hatred against his Healer, because he would not follow their narrow and bigoted opinions. They immediately plotted with the Herodians, whom, on most occasions they treated as enemies, how they might destroy Jesus. It was easier to kill him than to meet his arguments. The people generally flocked to Jesus, but the religious and political leaders grew every day more bitter in their enmity. Read the parallel passages, Matt. 12: 15-21; Luke 6: 12-16.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. The Thronging Crowds. vs. 6-12. II. The Chosen Twelve. vs. 13-19.

**I. THE THRONGING CROWDS. 6. Went forth**—Luke says that they "were filled with madness." They were foiled in their attempt to prove Jesus a Sabbath breaker, for even on their principles he had done no work. He had only spoken a word, and no law forbade that. It was the madness of baffled jealousy.

**7. Herodians**—These supported the rule of Herod, and accepted annexation to Rome. They wished to see Herod king, under Caesar as emperor. Usually the Pharisees regarded them as untrue to their nation and their religion, but they were willing to join with them in opposing Jesus.

**7. To the sea**—He avoided the towns where the synagogue rulers opposed him.

**8. A great multitude**—Point out on the map the places mentioned in the fifth and sixth verses. **Idumea**—The country south of the Red Sea. **Tyre and Sidon**—were Phœnician cities on the coast of the Mediterranean north-west of Palestine. **A great multitude**—Matthew 12: 17-21. Isaiah said long before that His gentle words of love and hope would draw the people to Him from far and near. (Isa. 42: 1-4).

**10. They pressed upon him**—lit. "they fell upon him." Stumbling over one

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another in their eagerness to touch him for healing. Compare Mark 5: 28-30; Luke 6: 19. **Plagues**—The Greek word means “a whip” or “scourge,” and our word plague comes from another meaning “a stroke.” All sickness should be regarded as coming from God either as judgment or discipline. Job 5: 17; Ps. 89: 30, 32; Mic. 6: 9; Heb. 12: 6, 7.

ii. **Fell down**—The demon acted through the bodies of the persons possessed by them. They prostrated themselves in unwilling homage as soon as ever they got sight of Jesus.

12. **Straitly**—R. V. “He charged them much,” “strictly,” “earnestly.” He did not wish testimony from them. His enemies would say that he was in league with them to deceive the people. (Matt. 9: 34; 12: 24; Mark 3: 22).

II. THE CHOSEN TWELVE. 13. **The mountain** (R. V.)—Luke tells us that he went there for solitude and prayer and that he continued all night in prayer (Luke 6: 12). The place pointed out by tradition is the “Horns of Hattin,” a double peaked elevation not far from Capernaum and a few miles east of the Sea of Galilee. **Whom he would**—John 15: 16, 19.

14. **Ordained**—“Made” or “appointed.” There was no special ceremony such as we now employ in “ordaining.” Luke adds “whom he also named apostles” (6: 13).

**Twelve**—To correspond with the twelve tribes of Israel. A new, spiritual Israel is now to be called into a spiritual kingdom. **That they should be with him**—To be trained by his teaching and moulded in character by companionship with him. They only will grow like Jesus who live near to him in thoughts and prayers. **That he might send**

**them forth**—The word “apostle” means “one sent forth.” They soon received a special mission (6: 7), but their real work began after the day of Pentecost.

15. **Power**—R. V. “authority.” This was given them in order to prove that he had sent them.

16. **Peter**—“A rock.” He gave him this name when he first called him. John 1: 42.

17. **Boanerges**—Perhaps they were so named because of their fiery zeal, of which we have instances in Mark 9: 38; 10: 37; Luke 9: 54.

18. **Bartholomew**—“Son of Tolma,” generally supposed to be the same as Nathanael. John 1: 45. **Matthew**—Also called Levi (Mark 2: 14) son of Alphaeus and brother of the James mentioned afterwards. **Thaddeus**—called also *Lebbeus* (Matt. 10: 3) and Jude, or “Judas not Iscariot” (John 14: 22). He wrote the Epistle of Jude. **Simon the Canaanite**—R. V. “Canaanæan,” a Hebrew word which is translated by Luke for his gentile readers as “Zelotes” or “the Zealot” (Luke 6: 15; Acts 1: 13). The Zealots were a fanatical sect who sought to resist the Roman rule by fair means or foul. Some of them were united in a secret society to murder prominent Romans and Jewish traitors. When Simon became a follower of Jesus he saw the folly and wickedness of such methods.

19. **Iscariot**—from *Kerioth*, a village of Judah. He was the only apostle who was not a Galilean. **Betrayed him**—The evangelist cannot name him without remembering his brand of infamy. **And they went into a house**—That is, they returned home to Capernaum. Mark omits the sermon that followed, commonly called ‘The Sermon on the Mount.’

1—What did the Pharisees plot against Jesus? (3)

2—Who were the Herodians? (4)

3—Where did Jesus go, and who followed him? (3)

4—What miracles did he work? (4)

5—For what purpose did he ordain the apostles? (5)

6—Learn their names and write them down. (6)

### Name

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because

answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory I have read the “Daily Portions” and verses in addition to the Golden Text, and Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to I was at church

I send with this my Weekly Offering of

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