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Texts:

Mark 3:13-19,

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 Simon he surnamed Peter;

17. And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

18. And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaus, and Simon the Canannite,

19. And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

Luke 6:12-16,

12. And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

14. Simon (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

15. Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes,

16. And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

Commentary:

I. Jesus went up on the mountain to pray.

A. Jesus spent the whole night in prayer to God. When have we ever done this?

B. This mountain is thought to be Mount Hatten located some five miles west of Galilee.

C. It is also thought that this was the site of the Sermon on the Mount although that place is not named in Scripture.

D. Before Jesus appointed the apostles he prayed. Prayer should precede every important decision of our lives.

II. When dawn came Jesus summoned those of his choice, his disciples to him and they came to him as requested.

A. "They went unto him" indicates they forsook their former pursuits.

III. Jesus appointed twelve, whom he called apostles.

A. "Apostles" comes from a Greek word indicating Christ's view of all the world being the area to which these apostles would preach.

B. They were commissioned, given authority.

IV. These twelve would/could:

A. be with Jesus.

B. be sent out to preach.

C. Have authority to cast out demons.

1. Jesus came to earth to destroy the works of the devil and the apostles were to assist Jesus in this endeavor.

V. Jesus appointed these twelve.

A. Simon (to whom Jesus gave the name Peter)

B. James, the son of Zebedee

C. John, the brother of James

Note: To James and John Jesus gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder."

D. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother

E. Philip

F. Bartholomew

G. Matthew

H. Thomas

I. James the son of Alphaeus

J. Thaddaeus, Judas the son of James

K. Simon the Zealot, the Cannanean

L. Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus

Note 1: The apostles are listed four times in the New Testament; viz., Matthew 10:2-4, Mark 3:16-19, Luke 6:14-19, and Acts 1:13.

A. Matthew 10:2-4, “Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.”

B. Mark 3:16-19, “And Simon he surnamed Peter; And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.”

C. Luke 6:14-19, “Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor. And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.”

D. Acts 1:13, “And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew,

James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.”

Note 2: There were twelve tribes of Israel, twelve apostles and twelve foundations of the heavenly city. The apostles now sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and these names will be inscribed on the foundations of the heavenly city.

A. Matthew 19:28, And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

B. Revelation 21:14, And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Note 3: In all four lists of the apostles the first, fifth and ninth positions are uniformly assigned to Peter, Philip and James the son of Alphaeus. The apostles may have been organized into these groups of four with Peter, Philip and James the son of Alphaeus being their respective leaders.

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Questions

Task: List all of the twelve apostles and relate one thing in the life of each that is of special interest, importance.

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12. _____

13. If the apostles were divided into three groups of four, the three group leaders would appear to be _____, _____ and _____.

14. The prime duties of the apostles as given in this lesson were:
(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

15. Jesus _____ all night before appointing the twelve _____
_____. We are to fervently _____ before all of
life's important undertakings.