

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Choice Of The Twelve"
Luke 6:12-19
Study-21

Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:13-16; and Acts 1:13 all list the Apostles.

Apostle – *"a chosen messenger sent with authority on a special commission."*
Jesus had many disciples (**Luke 6:17**), but only twelve handpicked Apostles.
Reach the lost sheep of Israel, and foundational to the Church. Written in heaven
Revelation 21:14

Purpose Of Luke's Gospel – **Luke 1:4**

The Ministry Of The Son Of Man – **Luke 4:14-9:50**

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Calls People To Discipleship, Which Means To Be With Him, To Be Like Him, To Speak With His Authority."

1. Verses 12-13 Preparation

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1. Verses 12-13 Preparation

Luke 6:12 It was at this time

What time is Luke referring to? Jesus has had 5 confrontations with the religious leaders that want to destroy Him **Luke 6:11**.

At the same time, it is the period of "The Popularity Of Jesus." **Luke 6:17**

Jesus is pushed to the limit in our passage by the demands of life.

Jesus Sought Solitude - "And it was at this time

What time? The days when special dangers awaited the Savior.

John 15:5 for apart from Me you can do nothing.

The Authority Of Jesus Was Rooted In Prayer: that He went off to the mountain to pray,

Luke 4:42; Luke 5:16 often slip away to the wilderness and pray.
Luke 9:28; 11:1; 22:41

pray – this word for Prayer that Luke used is only used here. Literally, *"persevering energy of His vigil, prayer of God,"* is also a unique expression in the New Testament. *"A prayer arising out of the most profound communion with Him."*

The Place of Prayer: to the mountain to pray,

The Persistence of Prayer: and He spent the whole night in prayer to God."

This is the only time that records Jesus praying all night!

John 17:6; John 8:28-29

Luke 6:13 And when day came,"

When the Lord ascended the mountain, the valleys were enshrouded in gloom; when He had prayed, the sun was shining.

The Father's Answer To Prayer: and chose twelve of them. That beautiful morning brought a measure of organization to His followers; Jesus Shared The Responsibility With Others -

2. Verses 13-16 Confirmation

Luke 6:13 and chose twelve of them, Jesus chose twelve Apostles: There were **12 sons of Jacob**, there were **12 tribes in Israel**, and there would also be **12 men that would lay the foundation** for the new society, a new nation, called the Church.

Jesus was beginning a new society and not improving the old!

Luke 9:1-2

whom He also named as apostles:

"A chosen messenger sent with a special commission." (**6 times** in Luke, **28 times** in Acts) (**These were to guide the infant church**)

The Term "Apostle" can be used in 3 different ways:

- 1. Every Christian Has Been Sent:** To be sent with a commission. **John 17:18** "Ambassadors for Christ." Latin, "Missionary" equal to "Apostle" **Matthew 28:19-20**
- 2. Apostles Of The Church:** Chosen men sent on special assignments of the church. They were secondary apostles of the church. **Barnabas, Timothy, Silas.**
- 3. The 12 Apostles Of Christ:** Which included after the death of **Judas, Matthias.** It also included **Paul**, who said he was born out of time. **Ephesians 2:20** Foundation of the Apostles **Acts 2:42** **And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine.** **Mark 3:14-15**

Luke 6:14

- (1) Simon, whom He also named Peter,** (Cephus) Simon is always mentioned first. This would probably be because he would emerge to be the spokesman of the apostles.
"Peter" *"Rock"* was the nickname given.
1,2 Peter information of Marks Gospel.
- (2) and Andrew his brother;** He was the eager one to bring people to Jesus. He was the one who brought Peter to the Lord. **John 1:40-42**
- (3,4) and James and John;** were called *"The Sons Of Thunder"* Seem to be hot-headed. **Luke 9:52-54**
- (3) James** - Would be the first apostle to be martyred for the Lord.
Acts 12:2
- (4) John** - Was called *"The Apostle of Love,"* but he was one of the thunder boys. He was not always so loving. (How Jesus changes us)
Gospel of John, 1,2,3 John, Revelation of Jesus Christ.
- (5) and Philip** - He was the questioning Apostle. He tried to figure out how Jesus could feed the 5,000 people. **John 6:7**
- (6) and Bartholomew; (Nathanael) - John 1:45-51** Honest but straightforwardness. Jesus said he was an honest man and a true son of Israel.
Luke 6:15
- (7) and Matthew – (Levi) (Matthew 10:3** He Calls himself **"a tax-gatherer"**) Despised for collecting taxes for Rome. He forsook all to follow Jesus Christ. **Gospel of Matthew**
- (8) and Thomas** - Known for his courage and his doubt. He said that all the disciples should go with Jesus to Bethany to die with Jesus (**John 11:16**). He also doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead.
John 20:25
- (9) James the son of Alphaeus,** - We don't know anything about James, only that he was an Apostle of Jesus.
- (10) and Simon who was called the Zealot;** - Fanatical Jewish patriots known as *"the Zealots,"* whose purpose was to deliver Israel from the tyranny of Rome.
Luke 6:16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

(11) Judas the son of James, later called **Thaddaeus** because of the bad association with the name Judas. **He asked Jesus why He would reveal Himself to His followers but not the world.** (We follow Him but don't always understand His plan.)

(12) and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. Treacherous and greedy. He betrayed Jesus and committed suicide.

These are the people that God uses. Men like Gideon **Judges 6:15-16**

The Apostles are an encouragement to us today.
1 Corinthians 1:26-29; 2 Corinthians 4:7

3. Verses 17-19 Demonstration

Luke 6:17 Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place;
This is the setting of a sermon that Jesus would give.

and there was a large crowd of His disciples,
Surrounded by His disciples, the Lord.

Luke 6:18 who had come to hear Him,
There were those who came to receive His instruction.

and to be healed of their diseases; (Compassion)

Ministry is not merely words but also works: with unclean spirits were being cured. Set free from the power of Satan.

Luke 6:19; Colossians 1:19

Application:

1. Jesus Appoints – Have I Answered The Call To Salvation? Next, Am I A Disciple Of Jesus Christ?
2. Being With Him – Am I In A Vital Relationship With Jesus? Am I Growing In His Likeness And Character?
3. To Preach – A Genuine Child Of God, Who Is In Companionship And Growing With Jesus, Has An Open Door To Convey The Truth Of The Gospel.
4. The Authority Of God – A Genuine Child Of God Has Been Given The Authority From God. Through Which The Child Of God Becomes A Channel Of Love And Compassion.