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## Book of Mark

- cryptic & direct
- Peter's accounts compiled by John Mark
- Inspired by Holy Spirit – encounter Gospel
- covers the three years of Jesus Public Ministry

## Proclaimed as the Promised One

- John the Baptist, Spirit of God, Enemy

## Authority Revealed

- teaching, leading, over demons, over sick



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“And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons. He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.” Mk 3:13-19

1. Went Up on a Mountain

- we know Jesus couldn't escape the crowds
- detail in Luke 6:12-13 "In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles"
- knowing the 'will of the Father' takes time and intentional prayer. Created space to ask and listen before taking action



## 2. Those Whom He Desired

- invitation to join him, offer an invitation
- don't miss the call to join him
- Response was needed
  - know there were many following
  - they came to him
- choose, led by the Holy Spirit
  - not everyone gifted to this role
- Holy Spirit still setting apart to specific roles

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“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ



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from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” Eph 4:11-16

## 3. From Disciple to Apostle

### a) Apostle

- Heb. 3:1 “Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,”

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- Eph. 2:19-20 “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,”
  - special designation for the 12
  - office of apostolic ministry gifted by H/S today
  - see our passage



b) Come and Work with Me

- called to do life and ministry with Jesus
- specific function and training

c) Two Clear Roles

- preaching – importance of proclamation
- Rom. 10:13-15 “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!””

- Authority to Cast Out Demons – set free

## 4. Weird Teams & Jesus

### a) Nicknames and Humor

- love that He gives them new monikers

### b) Mixed Bag of Backgrounds

- fishermen

- tax collector

- brothers

- zealot (activist)

- Judas



c) Those already under authority

- they were already on the team
- listening, learning, serving, faithful
- from the already faithful, chooses called
- under authority before conferring authority

d) Not the Worlds A Team

- training the called not calling the trained
- see God's setting apart – equipping and releasing those

## So What

### 1. Be a Faithful Follower

- learn, listen, chase after, lean into lessons
- starts with faithfulness and discipleship
- be under authority, learn and grow

### 2. Prayer and Invitation Important

- choosing leadership within needs prayer
- living in community, others seeing gifts and calling critical



- Holy Spirit still gifts and sets apart today
- often need to invite, present the opportunity
- see the response to come and listen

### 3. Don't discount God's calling

- do look for under authority, faithfulness
- don't exclude on history, schooling, passions, etc.

### 4. Known world changed by a yes

- what might God want if we listen as faithful disciples?
- important lesson to teach at home