

## LEARNING TO FOLLOW JESUS (Mark 3:7-19)

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**TEXT—Mk. 3:7-19**

**MAIN IDEA**—Following Christ is a lifelong process that God uses to transform His sheep and impact the world for His glory.

**COMING TO JESUS (Mk. 3:7-12)**—Though the Lord moved away from those who had become His enemies in the synagogues, this only led to a greater expansion of ministry outside of the synagogues. Massive crowds of people flocked to Jesus and He continued to minister to them accordingly.

**Matt. 11:28-30**

**Prov. 19:21**

**Acts 10:34-38; John 20:31**

\*The visible church is the church that we see with our eyes (i.e. having Christians and non-Christians). The invisible church is the church that Christ sees made of those who are alive in Christ that prove their salvation by persevering in following Jesus to the end. ○

**Matt. 13:36-43**

**Matt. 6:33; Phil. 1:27-28**

**BEING CALLED BY JESUS (Mk. 3:13-19)**—Jesus' personally called 12 men to represent Him as His Apostles. These men with unique backgrounds were handpicked by the LORD to extend His earthly ministry far beyond the time of Christ's earthly life. These sovereign appointments by the LORD Himself are the foundation of the present ministry of the Body of Christ in the earth.

**Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20**

**V13**—Jesus went up to the mountain to pray and seek the Father's will regarding the selection of His Apostles. **Lk. 6:12-13**

**Col. 4:2; Jn. 15:16**

\*The Biblical teaching of Unconditional Election declares God calls people out of a lives of sin into a lives of forgiveness, righteousness, peace with God, and service for God based on His grace in Christ alone and nothing that we can do **[Eph. 2:8-10]**.

**V14-15**—Jesus appoints twelve men *to be with Him* for personal discipleship and training, and *to send them out to preach and cast out demons* through His authority.

**2 Cor. 3:18**

**Eph. 2:19-22**

**V16-19** describes these Apostles by listing them in three groups of 4. The groupings are listed in order of relationship with Christ. Those who walked closest to Christ are mentioned first with those who had the least intimacy with him mentioned later.

**Jn. 20:24-29**

**1 Cor. 1:26-31**

**Jn. 6:68-71; Acts 1:24-25**

## **2 Closing Application**

**1-Daily come to Jesus (John 10:27-28)**

**2-Walk in good works (Eph. 2:10)**