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Mark 6:7-13 - THE MASTER'S MEN

One of the most amazing features of the Gospels, and of the ministry of the Lord Jesus, is the men He chose to be His disciples. If I were choosing men to establish churches and preach the gospel, I might not choose the same men. Consider these men.

Several were fishermen, one was a former tax collector for Rome, one was a doubter, one would be considered a “hot head”, one would become a traitor and was not a true believer at all. They were very common men, not the upper crust of society.

They lacked spiritual understanding, they lacked humility, and they lacked faith. In spite of their weaknesses, the Lord used these men.

Jesus called them to follow Him a good while earlier, Mark 3:13-19. For some time now they have been following Jesus from place to place, listening to Him teach and watching Him perform miracles. **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:...”**

We are told that Jesus “**gave them power**” (Matthew 10:1). This particular word refers to “**inherent power**”. The idea is of someone “**possessing the right to do a thing and having the power to carry it out.**” Jesus gave them power when He sent them out. In a literal sense, they were an extension of Him as they ministered around the country. Jesus literally multiplied Himself when He sent His disciples out with His power.

In John 14:12 Jesus made a profound statement. He said, ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”*** The only reason we are able to see Him do this is because He gives us His power (ability) to serve Him in the world today. We are not apostles, but we are to be followers (disciples) of Christ. Matthew 10:24 reminds us that in no way are we above our master which is the Lord Jesus Christ. Verse 25 tells us just what enough is - ***“it is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his Lord.”*** It is enough today when we lay aside the flesh and follow the Lord in Spirit and in Truth as we give Him all of the praise, honor and glory of which He is due. **“Think About IT”**