

JESUS CHOSE DISCIPLES

Mark 2-3; Luke 6



Jesus was teaching a crowd of people by the sea. He passed by a man named Levi, who was a tax collector. Jesus said, “Follow Me.” Levi got up and followed Jesus.

Later, Jesus went to Levi’s house, and many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Jesus and His disciples. The religious leaders came to Jesus’ disciples and said, “Why does Jesus eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

Jesus heard their question and said, “People who are healthy don’t need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn’t come to call righteous people; I came to call sinners.”

Jesus left with His disciples and went to the sea. A large crowd from all over came to Him because they heard about all He was doing. Jesus asked His disciples to get a boat ready for Him so that the crowd would not crush Him. The people knew Jesus was able to heal, and so everyone who was sick was pressing forward to try to touch Him.

Then Jesus went up on a mountain. He spent all night in prayer to God. The next morning, Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him. He would send these men out to preach

and would give them the authority to drive out demons. The Twelve Jesus chose as His disciples were: Simon Peter, James and his brother John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot—who would betray Jesus.

Christ Connection: Jesus chose the disciples and still calls people to follow Him today. He invites all people to turn from their sins and trust in Him as Lord and Savior.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Unscramble the letters below to reveal the name of the twelve disciples Jesus chose. For help, look up Luke 6:12-16.

_____	wttheam
_____	msahot
_____	mesja eht nos fo phaesalu
_____	eauahddds
_____	mison het aeotlz
_____	dsuaj iorsict
_____	iomns eertp
_____	maesj
_____	hnoj
_____	rwedna
_____	pphiil
_____	wemoolbhtra

» What does this story teach us about God?

» What did Jesus mean when He said He came to take care of the sick?

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

When Jesus called His disciples, He wasn't looking for perfection. Jesus wanted willing people who knew they were sinners and understood they needed Him. Just like the disciples, we need to accept that we are sinners in need of a Savior.



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

- » Why is admitting you're a sinner one of the first steps to following Jesus?

- » Where does the righteousness of a believer come from? For help, look up Philippians 3:9.

- » What do you think it looks like to follow Jesus closely?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Matthew 5:16 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for calling believers to follow Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Matthew 7:1-5

☐ James 1:26

☐ James 4:12

☐ 2 Corinthians 5:21

☐ John 8:7

☐ Matthew 6:33