JESUS APPOINTS THE TWELVE

Mark 3:7-35 *Lesson 5*

Key Verses: 3:14-15

1. In verses 1-6, how were the true colors of the religious leaders revealed in their reaction to the man with the shriveled hand? (cf. Eze34:4) What two crowds surrounded Jesus, and why? (7-8; see map) Why did he get a small boat ready? (9-10) How did he minister to them? (11-12) What does this show about the spiritual condition of those times?

2. Where did Jesus go next, and what happened there? (13) Read 14-15. What did it mean to be appointed one of the twelve? What were the three things they were to do? What do you think they were to learn from him? What message were they to preach? (1:15) What authority would they have? How were they a replacement of the religious leaders?

3. Note the twelve men Jesus appointed (16-19). What was Jesus’ great hope in giving Simon his new name? (Mt16:18) For what purpose might Jesus have given the new name to James and John? (Lk9:54) How were Matthew (Levi--2:14; Mt9:9) and Simon the Zealot opposites? Why did Jesus choose such a variety of people to be on his team?

4. How were the demands of ministry affecting Jesus and his disciples? (20) How did his family react to news of this, and how might this have been discouraging to Jesus? (21) Who else came to discredit him, and how? (22) How did Jesus expose their weak logic? (23-26) What had he come to do? (27) What warning did he give, and why? (28-30)

5. When his mother and brothers arrived, why didn’t they go inside the house? (31; cf. 21) Why didn’t Jesus go outside to them? (32-33) What do his words in verses 34-35 mean to us?