

The Twelve – The Master

Let's begin tonight with a question. If Jesus were to walk in the door behind me, pass behind me and make His way out the double doors, what three things do you think you would notice about Him?

Reader 1 – Matthew 10:1-4

Reader 2 – Mark 3:13-19

Reader 3 – Luke 6:12-16

Reader 4 – John 6:60-71

- What are some of the things you know about the twelve apostles?

It is safe to say that the Twelve apostles of Jesus were not outstanding in any way, at least before they met Jesus. They really were just ordinary men with many faults and character flaws. Yet Jesus chose these men to carry on His ministry after He was gone and set them on a path that would impact the entire world. Listen to what is said of them in Acts 17:6. Ordinary men became instruments of God, armed with the gospel message of Christ, tasked with spreading His truth to the ends of the earth.

Jesus called these men personally. He knew all their flaws, faults, and apprehensions, yet He still chose them. Even Judas. Despite knowing that Judas would do what he eventually did, Jesus chose the traitor and gave him the same access and same blessings as He did the others.

Read highlighted paragraph from Twelve Ordinary Men on page XIII

Read Matthew 17:1-9.

What does this passage teach us about the access to God that they were given?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

What does this passage tell us about the purposes of God?

What do you think it was about these disciples that Jesus said, aha, these are the ones?