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JESUS AND THE TWELVE

LUKE 6:12-16; 9:1-6

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Simple Stories

1. **The Lighted Lamp (Luke 8:16)**
2. **The Mustard Seed (Luke 13:18)**
3. **Yeast (Luke 13:20,21)**

Who Were the Twelve?

**Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip,
Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas**

**James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot,
Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot**

- they were **ordinary** men

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took note concerning them that they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

- they were **'called'** men

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow Me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed Him (Luke 5:27, 28).

- they were **decisive** men

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him (Luke 5:10, 11).

- they were **chosen** men

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountain side to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also designated apostles (Luke 6:12-13).

- they were **designated** apostles

**Apostolos – an envoy, delegate or ambassador,
sent out with a message and carrying the
authority of the sender**

Special Qualifications of Apostles

1. Jesus *chose* them
2. Jesus *was with them* and *showed Himself to them*
(Mark 3:14,15; Acts 1:22)
3. Jesus *commissioned them*
4. Jesus *promised and gave them the Holy Spirit*

- They were **foundation witnesses**
and the **founding fathers** of the church

They were men who had reverential fear
of the Lord Jesus

*Have I ever been utterly lost and confused
before God?*

(Luke 9:33 BWJ Sept 17)

Jesus Sends out the Twelve

- i) Jesus **calls/commissions**: sent out on mission
- ii) Jesus **equips** : He gives them power and authority

*God does not call those who are equipped.
He equips those whom He has called.*

(Smith Wigglesworth)

iii) The message (Luke 4:43)

“I must preach the Good News of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I am sent.”

Kingdom of God

- the rule and reign of God
- the presence of the Kingdom of God in the person of Jesus
- King Jesus is here!

Instructions

- **Travel light. Trust God**
- **Stay in one place**
- **Be ready to expect
resistance/rejection of the message**

Events In The Divine Programme

Jesus returned to Heaven

- Ascension

The Holy Spirit came

- Pentecost

The Church goes out to witness

- Mission

Jesus will come back

- Parousia

*The angels: You have seen Him go. You will see Him come.
But between that going and coming there must be another.
The Spirit must come, and you must go – into the world
for Christ.*

(John Stott)

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