

## Message Notes

March 20, 2022

The Way of Jesus  
The Call of Christ  
(Mark 3:7-19)

- ◆ We are spending \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus, so we can learn to \_\_\_\_\_ the way of Jesus.
- ◆ There are 3 groups in Mark 3:7-12
  - The \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ An \_\_\_\_\_ is an authorized representative.

### Two Movements of the Christian Life

1. To be with Jesus | The \_\_\_\_\_ movement: formation
  2. Sent by Jesus | The \_\_\_\_\_ movement: mission
- ◆ Christ calls us to formation and mission in his \_\_\_\_\_.

### The 12 Apostles

1. Simon, later given the name Peter/Cephas (Greek and Aramaic, respectively, for “rock”)
2. James, son of Zebedee, one of the “sons of thunder”
3. John, son of Zebedee, one of the “sons of thunder”
4. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew, possibly the same person as Nathanael of Cana (see John 1 and John 21; Bartholomew could be a surname or second name)
7. Matthew the tax collector, possibly the same person as Levi
8. Thomas, also called Didymus (both names mean “twin”), known unfortunately in church history as “Doubting Thomas”
9. James, son of Alpheus (uncertain if this Alpheus is the same person as Levi’s father)
10. Thaddeus (also called Judas—not Iscariot)
11. Simon the zealot (zealots were “zealous” for Torah and sometimes violent—a few decades after the ministry of Jesus the zealots were an anti-Roman political faction)
12. Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, later replaced with Matthias in Acts 1

The Twelve are a symbolic restoration of Israel’s kingdom. They represent the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel and are the foundation of the new Jerusalem in Revelation 21:14. This is the logic of the apostles in replacing Judas, so as not to be a company of only 11. By appointing the Twelve, Jesus declares that the age of the Messiah and the restoration of Israel is at hand. The kingdom of God will come into the world through these leaders and those they reach and empower, including us.