

## **Recap of 5/14/23 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 3:7-19):**

### **1. Jesus was on God the Father's timetable.**

- a)** *"Unless Jesus wished to be involved in a head-on collision with the authorities, He had to leave the synagogues. Not out of fear but His hour had not come. So, He left the synagogues and went out to the lakeside and the open sky. Even there the crowds flocked to Him. So large were they, that it became dangerous, and a boat had to be kept ready, just off the shore. The crowds didn't wait for Him to touch them, they rushed to touch Him." (Barclay)*
- b)** *He taught the crowds, healed them, and delivered the demon possessed.*

### **2. There was a downside to the crowds for Jesus:**

- a)** *"...the crowd is portrayed as more interested in satisfying their curiosity and physical needs than in becoming true followers." (Hurtado)*
- b)** *the crowds opened Jesus to the charge of leading an insurrection.*

### **3. At this point, Jesus takes a turn in His ministry. Thus far he has taught the multitudes but now He appoints twelve disciples (Apostles, that is "those sent with a mission," sent with authority) to be with Him to be instructed by Him, and to share in the ministry.**

### **4. He called "those He wanted." That is, He called them "according to His pleasure," not theirs. He selected twelve Apostles so they could be with Him for companionship and training, then commissioned them to be sent out to preach.**

- a)** *"The call goes forth and is at once followed by the responses of obedience. The response of the disciples is an act of obedience. Because Jesus is the Christ, He has the authority to call and to demand obedience to His word. Jesus summons men to follow Him, not as a teacher or a pattern of the good life, but as the Christ, the Son of God." (Men's Devotional Bible)*
- b)** *"His choice preceded out of His infinite wisdom and understanding. When He called them, it was not because they had asked to be called; and when He called them there was no room for protests of inability. He assumed responsibility. When He chose those men, He did indeed choose men utterly inadequate to the doing of His work, knowing that he Himself could empower them to do it; but it is also true that He chose men in whom there were capacities which He would sanctify and employ." (J. Vernon McGee)*