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*The Gift of God*







Mark 3:7-19



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1. Multiplied Ministry (7-12)
2. Multiplied Ministers (13-19)





# 1. Multiplied Ministry

- Jesus withdrew with His disciples (7)
  - More space? (see 2:1-2)
  - Opposition? (cf. John 4:1-3)
  - Down time? (see 7:30-31; 45-46)
- But a great multitude followed





MEDITERRANEAN SEA

SYRO-PHOENICIA

GAULANITIS

DECAPOLIS

GALILEE

GALILEE

Mr. Tabor

Acco (Ptolemais)

Kedesh

Hazor

Chorazin

Bethsaida

Cabul

Capernaum

Magdala

Sea of Galilee

Tiberias

Cana

Shimron

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Shunem

Megiddo

Jezreel

Taanach

Gadara

Scythopolis

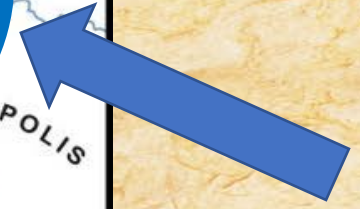
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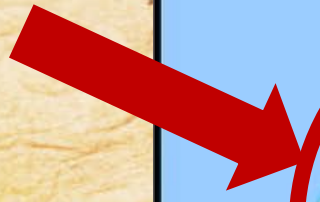
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Map of Israel in the New Testament

Bible History Online





# 1. Multiplied Ministry

- A great number of people came to Him
  - They heard of all that He was doing (8)
  - Those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him (10)
  - They were looking for healing/miracles





# 1. Multiplied Ministry

- Jesus came to preach (1:14-15), not to be a *side-show act*
  - He was in physical danger! (9)
  - The boat could be used for escape or as a pulpit (see 4:1)
  - He made the demons stay quiet (11-12)





## So What?

- What do we expect from Jesus?
- Is our focus on Him (His glory, ministry) or on ourselves (blessing, healing)?
- What if He never takes away our pain or circumstances? (see 2 Cor. 12:7-10)





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- Jesus went up on the mountain
  - The crowds did not follow this time
  - He summoned those whom He wanted
    - After a night of prayer (Luke 6:12)
    - He had a large crowd of disciples but He wanted only a select few (Luke 6:17)



CROWDS / MULTITUDES

DISCIPLES

THE TWELVE

THE THREE

THE ONE





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- Jesus appointed twelve men
  1. To be with Him (*disciples*)
    - A *follower in doctrine and conduct*
      - An *adherent*, not just a *pupil* (see John 9:28)
      - Jesus: *make disciples* (Matt. 28:19-20)





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- Jesus appointed twelve men
  2. To send them out (*apostles*)
- *One sent; an ambassador*
  - To deliver the message of the sender (see John 17:18)





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- Jesus picked twelve men
  2. To send them out (*apostles*)
    - To preach (see 1:14-15)
    - [To heal sicknesses] (KJV et. al.)
    - To have authority to cast out demons
      - To authenticate (cf. Acts 2:22)



Matthew 10:2-5	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:14-16	Acts 1:13
<p><b>Simon (Peter)</b> Andrew James John</p>	<p><b>Simon (Peter)</b> James John Andrew</p>	<p><b>Simon (Peter)</b> Andrew James John</p>	<p><b>Peter</b> John James Andrew</p>
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## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- Several other *apostles*: Barnabas and Paul (Acts 14:14); Andronicus and Junias (Rom. 16:7); James, the Lord's brother (Gal. 1:19); Silas and Timothy? (1 Thess. 2:6); Jesus (Heb. 3:1)
  - But they are not on the list(s)





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- *An apostle vs. The Apostles*
  - Deciding factor: Who sent them?
    - The church: *apostles* -> *missionaries*  
(cf. Acts 13:1-3; Rom. 16:7)
    - Jesus: *Apostles* (see the lists)





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- *An apostle vs. The Apostles*
  - *The Twelve* -- chosen and commissioned by Christ Himself (Matt. 10:1-2; Luke 6:13; Acts 1:2)
  - **Preach and teach** (Mark 3:14; Acts 2:14f, 42; 6:2-4; 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11)





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- *An apostle vs. The Apostles*

- Testify about Jesus' life and teachings (John 15:27; Acts 4:19-20; 22:14-15; 2 Pet. 1:16-18; 1 John 1:1-3; Heb. 2:3)
- Eyewitnesses to Jesus' resurrection (Acts 1:22; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 13:30-31)





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- *An apostle vs. The Apostles*
  - Lay the foundation for the church (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 2:19-20; 4:11-12)
  - Write Scripture (Rom. 1:1-5; 1 John 1:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:14-16)





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- *An apostle vs. The Apostles*

- **Special gifting** (1 Cor. 12:4-11; 27-29; Eph. 4:11)

- **Special confirmation** (Acts 2:43; 4:29-30; 5:12; 14:3; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4)

- **Special reward** (Matt. 19:28; Rev. 21:14)





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- *An apostle vs. The Apostles*
- What about Paul?
  - Commissioned by Jesus (Acts 9:1-19)
  - Constantly defending his apostleship (1 Cor. 9; 2 Cor.; Gal. 1-2; cf. Acts)
  - *Called / sent / appointed / by God's will*





## 2. Multiplied Ministers

- Jesus' ministry was growing
  - He chose 12 men to share the load
  - He would *pour into* them so they could *pour into* others (Acts 2:42; cf. 2 Tim. 2:2)
    - They were to follow and learn
    - Continue the ministry (Matt. 28:19-20)



## So What?



- Church is not a spectator sport!
  - How are you serving here?
    - AWANA, *White Oak*, outreach, service, benevolence, nursery, youth ministry, community groups, music ministry, ...
  - Don't wait for someone to ask!



## So What?



- “Yeah, but ...”
  - “I don’t know where”
  - “I don’t know how”
  - “I might mess up”

**Church is not a spectator sport**

**– *Get Plugged In* –**