

## Message Four: Why Jesus ticks religious elites off

Passage: Mark 3: 1-19

### Mark 3: 1-2

The Sabbath was provided for mankind to have a day of r\_\_\_\_\_ and r\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3: 3:

Jesus r\_\_\_\_\_ what sin (disease) had r\_\_\_\_\_ from him.

### 3: 4

Jesu tears the c\_\_\_\_\_ down of their hypocrisy. Their true motives were uncovered.

### 3: 5-6

Jesus became angry (orge) a s\_\_\_\_\_ mindset that is displayed over a particular injustice. This is not a sudden outburst or rage.

Sorrow= (sullupear) =s\_\_\_\_\_ grief

Jesus majors on pe\_\_\_\_\_; they majored on proper p\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3:6

They had accused Him of:

- \* m\_\_\_\_\_ carelessness for eating with sinners
- \* lack of s\_\_\_\_\_ for not fasting
- \* lack of j\_\_\_\_\_ by allowing His disciples to pluck corn on the Sabbath

### 3: 7-8

His true disciples follow Him even with the r\_\_\_\_\_ of their spiritual leaders.

### 3: 9-10

They were more concerned about their h\_\_\_\_\_ than about h\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3: 11-12:

The demons knew who Jesus was- they had no question about His i\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3: 13

Jesus chooses his inner core. This is self-determining s\_\_\_\_\_ unaffected by human concerns. Jesus chooses those He desired to be with Him at the closest level.

### John 15: 16

He chooses 12: there were 12 tribes of Israel and 12 patriarchs in the Old Testament. So, 12 is a significant number.

Jesus chooses d\_\_\_\_\_ disciples:

- Peter, a fisherman-He would rebuke for misunderstanding why He came to earth.
- John is rebuked for his revengeful spirit against the Samaritans.
- Judas' treachery is predicted- all 12 abandoned Jesus at the end.

Jesus took what was within each disciple and leveraged it for Kingdom purposes.

All of them were Galileans except for Judas Iscariot.

They were two sets of brothers.

Some were cousins of Jesus.

Peter - a man of great emotion; strong willed, but at times had a tendency to say the wrong thing.

James and John - two other fishermen Jesus names "Sons of Thunder"-high enthusiasm, fiery nature. James is the first disciple martyred (*Acts 12: 2*).

He was the first to arrive in heaven and his brother John was the last disciple to leave earth for heaven.

John wrote 5 New Testament letters.

Andrew - also a fisherman-the first enquirer who brought his brother Peter to Jesus.

Philip - He found Nathaniel and brought Jesus to him. Greeks came to him asking to meet with Jesus.

Bartholomew - Also called Nathaniel - questioned whether anyone good could come from Nazareth.

Matthew - the collector of Roman taxes

Thomas - a skeptic-often focused on the negative but when Jesus appeared after His resurrection he exclaimed, "my Lord and My God!"

James - the son of Alphaeus - also known as James the Less - which may mean "younger" or "small in stature." His mother was Mary, one of the women who was at the cross.

Thaddeus - He seems to have desired Jesus to stay more in the limelight.

Simon the zealot- a backstabber of Romans - who stirred up rebellion against Rome.

\*Judas – betrayer - he struggled with the purpose of Jesus on earth- was stingy with the disciple's money, a thief who used their funds for his own purposes. His selfish heart eventually led him to betray Jesus and drive him to suicide.

**ACTION STEP: What do you possess, have as a talent, own, that you can make available**

**this week for Kingdom purposes?**

# SMALL GROUP LESSON

## **LOOK BACK:**

Have you ever seen a miracle? Describe what happened.

## **LOOK UP:**

**One:** What is the difference between walking in manmade religious rules/expectations and the Word of God? How does it damage you when manmade convictions are used to judge your actions?

**Two:** Why is it important to take one day a week to worship the Lord in a gathering of His people and rest your body? What happens to your soul when you continually miss gatherings for worship or work 7 days a week without a break?

**Three:** How can you keep your heart from getting sucked into religious nonsense that steals your affection for Christ and hardens your heart toward those who are different from you?

**Four:** How does the fact that Jesus chose you for His purposes on earth change the way you live, how you react, where you spend your money, who you associate with, what you do on Sundays, etc.

## **LOOK FORWARD:**

How did it go last week when you shared your Christ story with one of your nine on your prayer list?