miserable state of hard-heartedness.  
  
**6. Herodians]** See notes on Matt. xvi. 6,  
and xxii. 16. Why the Pharisees and  
Herodians should *now* combine, is not  
apparent. There must have been some  
reason of which we are not aware, which  
united these opposite sects in enmity  
against our Lord.

**7–12.] A GENERAL SUMMARY OF  
OUR LORD’S HEALING AND CASTING OUT  
DEVILS BY THE SEA OF GALILEE.** Peculiar   
in this shape to Mark; but probably  
answering to Matt. xii. 15–21. Luke vi.  
17–19. The description of the multitudes,   
and places whence they came, sets  
before us, more graphically than any where  
else in the Gospels, the composition of the  
audiences to which the Lord spoke, and  
whom He healed. The repetition of a  
*great* *multitude* (ver. 8) is the report of  
‘one who *saw* the numbers from Tyre and  
Sidon coming and going.

**11.]** The  
unclean spirits are here spoken of in the  
person of those possessed by them, and the  
two fused together: for as it was   
impossible that *any but the spirits* could have  
*known* that He was the Son of God, so  
it was the material body of the possessed  
which fell down before Him, and *their*  
voice which uttered the cry: see note on  
Matt. viii. 82. The notion of the   
semirationalists that the sick *identified them-  
selves* with the demons, is at once refuted  
by the universal agreement of the   
testimony given on such occasions, *that Jesus  
was the Son of God.*

**13–19.] THE APPOINTMENT OF THE  
TWELVE, AND ITS PURPOSES.** Matt. x.  
1–4. Luke vi. 12–16. See Luke, where  
we learn that He went up *overnight to pray*.  
and called his disciples to Him when it was  
day,—and notes on Matthew.

On the mountain see Matt. v, 1.

**14.]** The literal sense of the word rendered **ordained  
is made**: i.e. **nominated,—set apart.** We  
have here the most distinct intimation of  
any, of the *reason* of this appointment.

**16.]** On the list of the Apostles, see  
note as Matt. x. 2. The name *Peter*,  
According to St. Mark, seems to be *now first*