**JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE APOSTLES**

Mark 3:7-19

Key Verses: 3:14-15

*“He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.”*

1. Read verses 7-12. Why did Jesus withdraw to the lake? How are the size and extent of the crowd described? What does their coming show about the time? How did Jesus minister to them?
2. Read verses 13. (Refer also to Luke 6:12-13) Where did Jesus go? On what basis did Jesus choose the Twelve? What did he designate them?
3. Read verses 14-15. For what purposes did Jesus call them? What is the meaning of the phrase “that they might be with him”? How would Jesus equip them to be sent out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons?
4. Read verses 16-19. Who were the Twelve? What do you know about each of them? Why might Jesus have chosen such a diverse group? What are some common characteristics shared by all of them?