

## Detailed Observation: Mark 6:7, 12-13

3.16

This DO contains only my observations only and not my questions. I've done this in order to focus attention on the observation process. Keep in mind the following (from my DO's on 1:16-20):

- Observations are what seem clear or fairly certain about the text or basic inferences derived from the text. You are not simply to copy the text.
- In order to do so, I've organized my observations according to actions that dominate this text. That's my choice, an inference drawn from what the text gives me to work with.

Here also are key points about the process from my DO's on 1:16-20:

- I work my way through the focal passage *in order from the beginning of the passage to the end*.
- As much as possible I *paraphrase the text* using my own words rather than just copying/repeating the text.
- I *always* cite the verses where the evidence for my Observations or Questions is found.
- I work to be as *thorough* as possible. I make more observations and ask more questions that I can make use of here. But by being thorough, I do not miss features of the text that I could miss otherwise.
- Number your observations for future reference (auto-format is helpful).
- YOUR WORK IS BASED ON PRIMARY SOURCES ALONE.
- You are making observations of your focal passage *itself*. At this point, do not make references to other writings of the Old or New Testaments.

These verses specify

1. Three actions done by Jesus 7
2. Four actions by the twelve in response to J's actions 12-13

**Jesus takes three ACTIONS (signified by three verbs) in v. 7**

1. **ACTION #1** *J calls* all in v. 7
  - a. this is the same verb used in 3:13
  - b. this is J's initiative; J decides to take this action
  - c. **object** of action = the twelve
  - d. same object of the same verb as at 3:13
  - e. unlike 3:13, no calling "to him" is specified (RSV is incorrect here)
2. **ACTION #2** *J begins to send* all inv. 7
  - a. this appears to be the purpose of the calling, though it is not specified as such
  - b. **object of** sending = twelve called by J

c. **manner of sending** = two by two

3. **ACTION #3** J *gives* all in v. 7 (except my subpoints)

a. verb is imperfect, indicating ongoing action; J apparently did this more than once

b. **indirect object** = the twelve called by J

c. **object of giving** = *authority* over unclean spirits

d. “authority” has been a characteristic of J’s teaching/ministry

- 1:22 characteristic of J’ teaching; contrasted with that of the scribes; J immediately exercise authority of an “unclean spirit” 1:23-26
- 1:27 commanding the unclean spirit to come out, and the spirit then doing so is recognized as “authority”
- 2:10 J claims “authority” to forgive sins
- 3:15 J purposes that the twelve will exercise “authority” to cast out demons like J does

e. authority given over *unclean spirits*

f. unclean spirits have also played a role in J’s ministry up to this point

- 1:23, 26, 27 unclean spirit over which J exercises authority, casting it out of a person

**Four Actions by Twelve in Response to J 12-13**

- all are a response to J’s sending, specified by the opening participle of v. 12 = “while they were going out”
- it is implied that they were doing these actions in pairs v. 7

1. **ACTION 1** they *preached* 12

a. this was the twelves’ initiative; they do this, not J

b. **PURPOSE** of their preaching = that “they” (= hearers of their preaching) might repent

c. repentance is the purpose of J’s preaching 1:15

2. **ACTION 2** they were *casting out* 13

a. this action was purposed in 3:15

b. this seems to be the fulfillment of having “authority over unclean spirits” of 3:15 and 6:7

c. J also casts out

- 1:34 in a near verbatim parallel J casts out many demons
- 1:39 J was preaching in synagogues and casting out demons; clear parallel with ACTION 1 above
- 3:22-23 J’s practice provokes controversy with scribes

d. **nature of action:** verb is in the imperfect meaning the action was ongoing

e. **extent of action:** cast out *many* demons

3. **ACTION 3** the twelve were *anointing* 13

a. **extent of action:** anointed *many*

b. **recipients of action:** the sick

<p>c. <b>nature of action:</b> ongoing, imperfect verb</p> <p>d. this action is not named in 3:13-15 nor in 6:7</p> <p>4. <b>ACTION 4</b> they were <i>healing</i> 13</p> <p>a. this seems to be complementary to ACTION 3</p> <p>b. J also does this action</p> <p>c. no recipients are specified, though certainly the “sick” of the previous clause are implied.</p> <p>d. <b>nature of action:</b> ongoing, imperfect verb</p> <p>e. this action is not named in 3:13-15 nor in 6:7</p>	