

Be With Him

Mark 3:13-14

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The Gospel of Mark -

A. Subject & Purpose of Mark: Mark recorded selected events from the life and ministry of Jesus Christ to Present the Gospel to a Roman audience by proving that Jesus is the Christ, The Son of God, and to provide a pattern of discipleship through the model of the suffering servant who remained faithful to the end of his life- Mark L. Bailey

Message for Today – Prioritizing God means spending time with God.

Homiletical Outline

I. Intimacy over Miracles (vs. 13)

A. Mark recorded the responses of Israel's leaders in contrast with those of the disciples to document the rejection of Jesus by the nation.

B. Summoned - to call to or notify in order to secure someone's presence

i. of a call issued for presence with the speaker; to call to oneself; to invite.

ii. Jesus has been preaching the gospel (1:14-28), healing the crowds (1:29-45), healing a paralytic (2:1-13), and healing on the Sabbath (3:1-12). Out of a nation that would ultimately reject Him, He called twelve to Himself out of all those He healed.

iii. In doing this, Jesus is showing that intimacy with Him is superior to the miracles He does with others.

C. Whom He, Himself Wanted

i. Wanted - to have something in mind for oneself, of purpose, resolve, will, wish, want, be ready.

ii. This is a personal choice of Jesus.

iii. Jesus wanted the twelve and didn't want anything to interfere with their calling to Him.

iv. He had a purpose in calling them to Himself.

D. They came to Him

i. They responded to the call by being obedient to what He asked.

II. Intimacy Over Service (Vs. 14)

A. Appointed – to ordain.

i. Christ, Himself made them apostles.

ii. Only He knew the purpose He had for them, so only He could confirm that to them.

B. Be with Him

- i. Being with Christ preceded “serving” others for Christ.
- ii. This was a call to discipleship. Discipleship involves building a relationship and teaching. Jesus wanted to train them for what was in store for them.
- iii. Disciplines to practice to be with Christ.
 - 1. Daily Reading of Scripture – Spending personal time in the Word in order to understand and know the mind of God and renew your mind.
 - 2. Prayer – making requests to God, thus showing dependency on God.
 - 3. Meditation – reflecting on God’s Word and what you just read or what was preached/taught to you.
 - 4. Silence – spending time sitting in silence in order to give God the opportunity to speak to you.
 - 5. Fasting – Giving up essentials to life in order to hear from God and ask God to move.
 - 6. Sabbath – taking time to rest in God, trust in God, and not overworking yourself.
- C. He Sends Them
 - i. In the same way the calling of the twelve is intentional, so is the sending of the twelve.
 - ii. In their 3 years with Jesus, He only sent them out once, and they came back with more questions. In being discipled, we need to do more learning than teaching.
 - iii. In order for us to serve God adequately, we need to be with Him intimately.

III. Biblical Principles and Applications

A. Biblical Principles

- i. Our intimacy with God is better than having God perform miracles for us.
- ii. Our Intimacy with God takes president over our service to God.
- iii. Learning from God is more important than teaching others about God.
- iv. Spending time with God helps us to serve others better.

B. Applications – If this is true, what does it mean for you....

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