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Lesson for March 4

JESUS AND THE TWELVE

LESSON TOPIC—Mark 3:13-19; 6:7-13.
GOLDEN TEXT—Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Chooses Twelve Helpers.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Twelve Apostles and Their Work.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus' Call to Service.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Training of the Twelve.

I. The Twelve Ordained (Mark 3:13-19).

Jesus, knowing that His earthly career would be cut short, made provision for the carrying forward of His work after He was gone by calling and ordaining the twelve. Before doing this He spent a whole night in prayer (Luke 6:12). The burden of His prayer is indicated by what He immediately did. From among His disciples He chose twelve, whom He ordained for a twofold purpose.

1. "That they might be with Him" (v. 14).

Fellowship with the Lord is not only the highest privilege of a disciple but the indispensable qualification for witnessing for Him. Personal association with Jesus Christ—the interaction of personalities—the impact of His personality upon ours is the essential preparation for Christian service.

2. "That He might send them forth to preach" (v. 14, 15).

To proclaim the good news of salvation to the lost world was the supreme mission of the disciples. Their credential for this mission was the endowment of the power of the Spirit—"To heal sickness and to cast out devils" (v. 15). Concerning those who were to be Christ's messengers observe:

(1) That twelve were ordained (v. 14). This was the beginning of the process by which the trine God was to make known His grace to the whole world, therefore He sends forth the number of men corresponding to that purpose. The number twelve is the product of the heavenly three and the earthly four indicating the purpose of the trine God to reveal Himself to the four quarters of the world.

(2) Their characteristics. (a) Men of average ability. They were not from schools and colleges, yet men of mental capacity and efficiency. This has been the history of the Christian church. Not many noble, not many wise after the flesh are called (1 Cor. 1:26). (b) Middle ranks of society. They were not chosen from among the rich, neither from among paupers. The most efficient workers are those who are able to sympathize with the common people. (c) Diverse temperamental gifts. They were so grouped as to have impulse and leadership—reflection and questioning went together, and among them were found men of practical business ability.

II. The Twelve Sent Forth (Mark 6:7-13).

1. They were sent forth in pairs (v. 7).

Two reasons may be assigned for this. (1) A cheering and comforting companionship for the workers.

(2) Confirmation of testimony. In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. People would more likely believe that which was verified by two.

2. Supernatural authentication of their mission (v. 7). He gave them power over unclean spirits. He endowed them with power to work miracles, in order to demonstrate their divine commission.

3. Their maintenance (vv. 8, 9). They were to depend wholly for their support upon the Lord who sent them. Having received the message and the power gratuitously they were to give them out in the same way (Matt. 10:9).

4. Contentment with hospitality (v. 10).

According to Matt. 10:11, inquiry was to be made upon entering a city as to a reputable place to stay. Upon being directed to such a place the missionary was to be content.

5. The responsibilities of the hearers (v. 11).

Judgment was to be pronounced upon those who rejected their message.

6. Their message and work (vv. 12, 13).

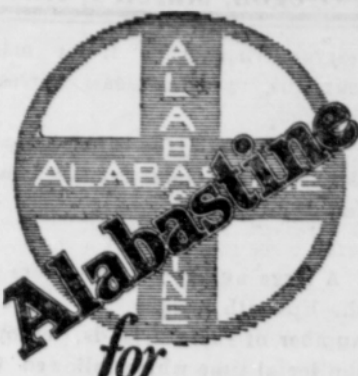
They went out and preached that men should repent. Matthew adds, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" (Matt. 10:7). This means that the kingdom promised to Israel was at hand, that the Messiah was present and ready to set up His kingdom. In confirmation of this message they cast out many devils, anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

God's Overflowing Love

There is such a thing as putting ourselves in the way of God's overflowing love and letting it beat upon us; the response of love to Him comes, not by struggle, not even by deliberation, but by necessity, as the echo comes when the sound strikes the rock.—Phillips Brooks.

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Mrs. R. Was Pract'ing Art of Guest Dodging

One Saturday Mrs. R. was leaving her home to go downtown shopping. Two ladies with suitcases were going up the walk toward the house of her next-door neighbor. Mrs. R. happened to see her neighbor walking quickly toward the street corner where she intended to board a street car. Thinking that she would be disappointed if she missed the guests who at that moment were on her porch, Mrs. R. called to her neighbor several times without making her hear.

Finally, by hurrying, she caught up with her and somewhat breathlessly delivered the news.

"Shut up, you fool! Shut up!" said her neighbor in an angry tone. "I saw them coming, and I was trying to get away before they saw me. I had planned to visit some friends in the country tomorrow, so I would not have to get Sunday dinner myself. You don't think that I intend to stay home and cook for them, do you?" Fortunately, the street car arrived in time.

A Girl Story

Charlie Chaplin told a New York reporter the other day a girl story.

"Girls are more beautiful and more—er—practical than ever," he began. "A girl named Montmorency sat in a moonlit California rose garden with a young man named Fetherstonhaugh. Fetherstonhaugh bent over her and said in a passionate voice:

"Miss Montmorency—Augusta, if I may call you so—I am not rich in this world's goods, but—"

"With a slight wave of her cigarette she silenced him.

"That will do, Mr. Fetherstonhaugh," she said. "No!"

Overcrowded Moscow

More than 70,000 residents of Moscow, Russia, live in houses unequipped with running water and even without sewerage, as a result of the great recent growth of the city population. Last year homes for 100,000 persons were built, but the city increased by 480,000 in that period.

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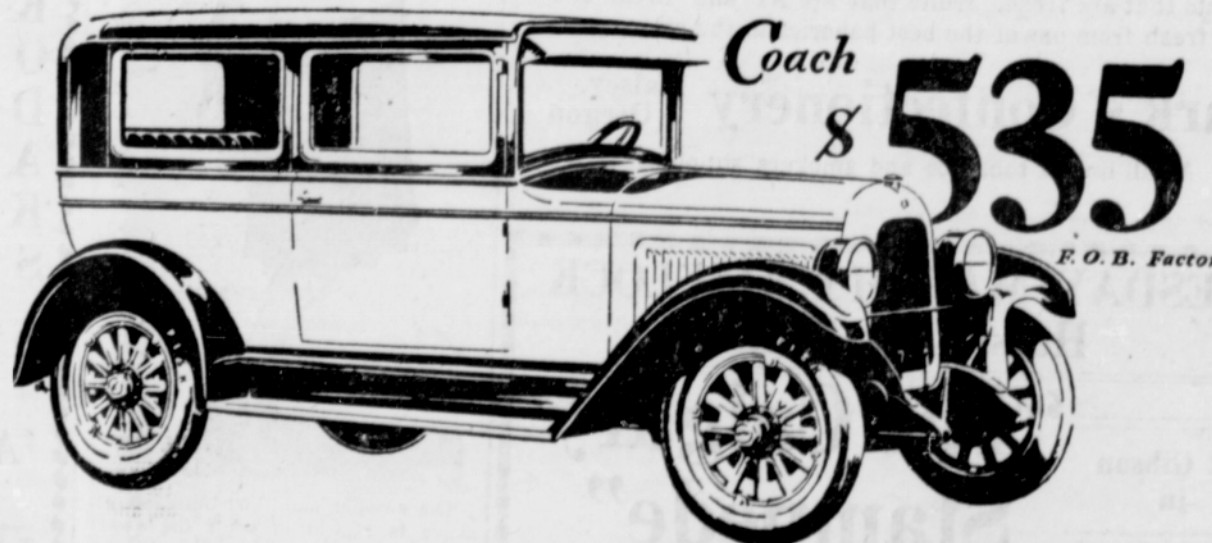


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