



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 6:12-16 (NAS)

Topic: "Why the Twelve?"

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- 12 It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.
- 13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:
- 14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew;
- 15 and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot;
- 16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

I. WHO WERE THESE MEN?

- A. Their Names
- B. Their Political Background
- C. A Bunch Of Nobodies
- D. Highly Gifted By Their Time With Christ *John 1:1-5*
- E. Their Lives Became Examples For Us
- F. One Was Not What He Seemed *John 6:64*

II. HOW WERE THEY CHOSEN?

- A. Jesus Spent The Night By Himself In Prayer *John 10:30*
- B. It Was A Decision Of The Triune God

III. WHY DID HE CHOOSE THE TWELVE?

- A. The Twelve Became The Foundation For New Testament Church
- B. Chosen As Apostles *Matthew 10:40; John 20:21*
- C. They Conveyed Jesus' Teaching Verbally And In Print
- D. They Were Guided And Instructed By The Spirit *John 14:26; 16:13-14*
- E. Their Teaching Are Equal To The Words Of Christ

APPLICATION:

1. God Gifts And Uses People Like You
2. God Unifies People Of Divergent Backgrounds
3. Disciples Of Christ Are To Hold To All The Teaching Of The Apostles