

The Choosing of the Twelve Apostles

The calling of 'The Twelve' marks a significant development in the public ministry of Jesus Christ. He has spent months gathering crowds of disciples, and now he chooses twelve – he names them Apostles and will send them out to do his work.

How does Jesus make this decision?

1. He prays
 - a. In "these days"
 - i. Clarity regarding his mission
 - ii. Opposition to his mission
 - b. "All night"
2. He publicly endorses them
 - a. He called his disciples
 - b. He chose twelve
 - c. He named them 'apostles'
3. Proving that he can and will use anyone!
 - a. Peter and Thomas!
 - b. Matthew (Levi) and Simon the Zealot
 - c. Even Judas Iscariot

Application:

1. Do you believe that God can work through you?
2. Can God work through a Christian with whom you have great disagreement?
3. Are you committed to prayer – is it the foundation of your decisions?