

JESUS CALLS THE DISCIPLES

(Jesus' Hope and Vision)

Mark 1:1 – 3:35
Key verses 3:13,14

*** The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry (1:1-45)**

1. How does Mark present the beginning of the gospel prepared by John? (1-8) Why did Jesus begin his ministry with the baptism and temptation? (9-13) What does the beginning of the gospel and his first message say about Jesus' messianic ministry? (14,15)
2. What is the meaning of the calling of some disciples in Jesus' messianic ministry? (16-20; 2:13-17) How and why could Jesus' calling have spiritual authority to lead them to an immediate life decision? What do Jesus' public ministry and the reaction of the people tell about the spiritual background of that time? (21-45) Think about Jesus' vision relating to his healing and disciple making ministry!

*** Jesus Appoints the Apostles (2:1 - 3:35)**

3. Which authority did Jesus reveal to a paralyzed man and to sinners like a tax collector? (1-12; 13-17) How different was Jesus' teaching and spiritual authority in comparison with the leadership of the religious leaders? (2:18 - 3:6) Why did many people from all the towns come to Jesus? (7-12)
4. Why did Jesus call and appoint the Twelve as apostles? (13-19) What was Jesus' hope and vision and the content of his leadership training program? (14-19; 1:17; 2:14,17) Why might Jesus want them to be with him? Through what oppositions and why was the beginning of the gospel hindered? (20-35) Think about where Jesus' spiritual authority came from!