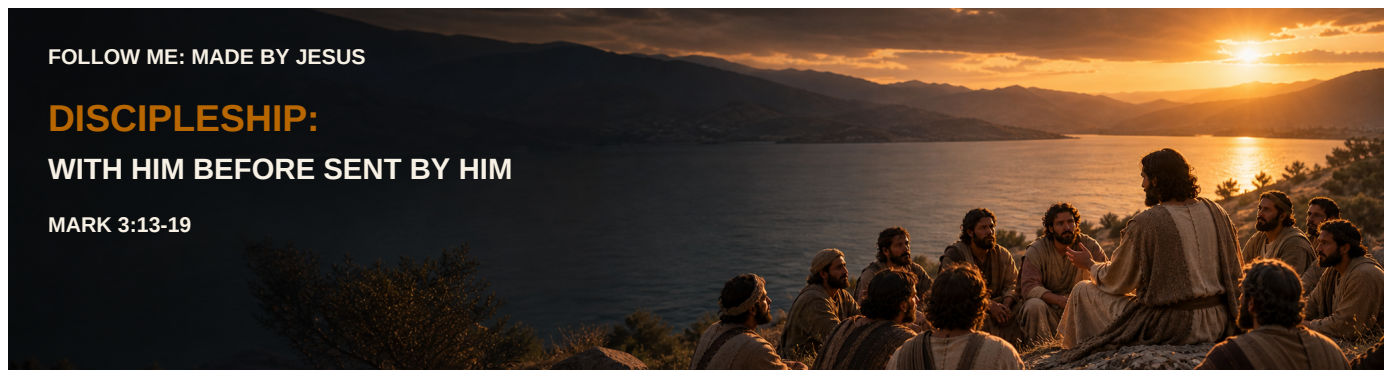


DISCIPLESHIP: WITH HIM BEFORE SENT BY HIM



CONNECTION TO MESSAGES 1-2

Jesus knows Simon (John 1:42). Jesus calls Simon (Luke 5 / Matthew 4:19). Jesus forms Peter through life with Himself (Mark 3:14).

BIG IDEA

PETER'S STORY SO FAR

- Jesus knows Simon. Jesus calls Simon. Jesus forms Peter through life with Himself.
- The Twelve signal that Israel's promised restoration arrives in and through her Messiah.

I. JESUS CHOOSES BEFORE HIS DISCIPLES ACHIEVE. (v. 13)

- Jesus takes the initiative in calling the Twelve.
- He summons "those whom He Himself wanted."
- Calling is grace, not recognition of achievement.
- Jesus chooses men He intends to form.

II. JESUS CALLS US TO PRESENCE BEFORE PERFORMANCE. (v. 14a)

- Jesus appoints them first: TO BE WITH HIM.
- And then: TO BE SENT BY HIM.
- Being with Jesus is not inactivity; it is formation.
- Peter's classroom is Jesus Himself.
- Peter learns by listening, watching, questioning, failing, being corrected, and continuing to follow.

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III. JESUS SENDS HIS DISCIPLES UNDER HIS AUTHORITY. (vv. 14b-15)

- Jesus calls, forms, and sends them.
- Jesus gives them authority.
- Their authority is delegated, not independent.
- COME > BE WITH > BE FORMED > BE SENT

IV. JESUS NAMES PEOPLE ACCORDING TO HIS TRANSFORMING PURPOSE. (v. 16)

- John 1:42: "You are Simon; you shall be called Cephas."
- Mark 3:16: Simon, to whom He gave the name Peter.
- Jesus named him Peter not because Simon had already become steady, but because grace had not finished with him.
- Peter is prominent. Jesus is preeminent.

V. BEING NEAR JESUS IS NOT THE SAME AS TRUSTING JESUS. (vv. 17-19)

- Judas heard Jesus teach, saw His works, and participated in ministry.
- Proximity to Jesus is not the same as trusting Jesus.
- Peter also fails terribly.
- Two called disciples will fail Jesus terribly, but their failures will not have the same ending.

REFLECTION & APPLICATION

1. Am I actually with Jesus, or merely doing things associated with Jesus?
2. Is His Word forming me, or am I simply accumulating biblical information?
3. Am I serving under Christ's authority, or relying primarily on ability and technique?
4. When I fail, do I run from Jesus, or return to the One who called me?

FOLLOW HIM - AND LET HIM MAKE YOU

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