

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#15 – “Chosen from Among the Unlikely” – Luke 6:12-16

I. Introduction

- A. Jesus needed to make a selection of candidates for critical jobs.
 - 1. To carry on after His departure
 - 2. The usual enticements to take the job such as salary and benefits were not relevant -- He merely called them.
- B. They were not religious men.
 - 1. Not well-e _____
 - 2. Not well- c _____
 - 3. Not well-f _____
 - 4. They were ordinary.
- C. Yet, they will be set apart for all eternity.
 - 1. Revelation 21:14
 - 2. A way of suffering would be ahead of them.

II. Exposition

- A. Luke 6:12
 - 1. “At this time”
 - a. Refers to the events at hand and not a time period.
 - b. Increasing conflict with the religious elite – Luke 5:17,21
 - 2. Having set aside his divine attributes, Jesus sought the Father’s direction. – Philippians 2:6-8.
 - 3. “Spent the whole night in prayer.”
 - a. Greek construction – “in the prayer of God.”
- B. Luke 6:13
 - 1. “Disciples” – Learners.
 - 2. Chose twelve
 - a. John 15:16; 6:70; 13:18
 - b. Not commissioned yet (Luke 9:1)
 - c. There are four lists of the twelve in the New Testament.
 - 1. Matt. 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16; Acts 1:13
 - 3. Apostles from APOSTELLO and closely related to the Hebrew term SHLIACH – an official representative for someone else.
 - 4. Six reasons why the apostles were important:
 - a. One: _____
 - b. Two: _____
 - c. Three: _____

- d. Four: _____
- e. Five: _____
- f. Six: _____

5. They were not perfect

- a. They lacked s _____ insight
 - 1. Matt. 16:9-11; Mark 8:17; 4:13; John 12:16
- b. They lacked h _____
 - 1. Mark 9:33-34; Luke 9:46; Luke 22:24
- c. They were w _____ in faith – Matt. 8:25; 14:31
- d. They were d _____ and especially P _____.
 - 1. Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:50
- e. They lacked p _____ -- Matt. 17:19

C. Luke 6:16

- 1. Judas Iscariot
 - a. His name
 - b. Pilfering the treasury – John 12:6
 - c. His father
 - d. Very ordinary – no one thought of Judas betraying Jesus – Matt. 26:22-23
 - e. Messianic prophecy about him .
 - 1. Ps 41:9; 55:12-14; Zech. 11:12-13
 - f. Human will and the sovereignty of God – Luke 22:22

III. How they met their end

A. They all died horrible deaths except possibly John.

- 1. Peter -- _____
- 2. Andrew -- _____
- 3. James son of Zebedee -- _____
- 4. John -- _____
- 5. Philip -- _____
- 6. Nathaniel -- _____
- 7. Matthew -- _____
- 8. Thomas -- _____
- 9. James son of Alpheus -- _____
- 10. Simon -- _____
- 11. Judas Thaddeus son of James -- _____
- 12. Paul -- _____

IV. Points for Reflection

- A. If God could use the twelve known as apostles, he can use any of us.
- B. The call of the apostles ended in physical death while we are, at least, called to spiritual death.