

Insights from Luke

#15: Chosen from Among the Unlikely

Luke 6:12-16

Acts 4:13

“¹³ Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men....”

Revelation 21:14

“¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

Luke 6:12-16

“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.”

Luke 6:12

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Luke 5:17, 21

“¹⁷ One day He was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem ... ²¹ The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, ‘Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?’”

Philippians 2:6-8

“⁶ Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

John 17:6

“⁶ I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.”

Luke 6:13

“¹³ And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:”

John 15:16

“¹⁶ You did not choose Me but I chose you....”

John 6:70

“⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, ‘Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?’”

John 13:18

“¹⁸ I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen....”

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SHLIACH

One

They are the foundation
of the church.

Two

Received special revelation.

Three

They edified the church.

Four

Their lives were set apart for holiness.

Fifth

They were given miraculous power to confirm their message.

Six

Their names and works shall
be remembered in perpetuity.

Matthew 16:9-11

“⁹ Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets full you picked up? ¹⁰ Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets full you picked up? ¹¹ How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread....”

Mark 8:17

“¹⁷ And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, ‘Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart?’”

Mark 4:13

“¹³ And He said to them, ‘Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables?’”

John 12:16

“¹⁶ These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.”

Mark 9:33-34

“³³ They came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He began to question them, ‘What were you discussing on the way?’ ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest.”

Luke 9:46

“⁴⁶ An argument started among them as to which of them might be the greatest.

Luke 22:24

“²⁴ And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest.”

Matthew 8:25-26

“²⁵ And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, ‘Save us, Lord; we are perishing!’ ²⁶ He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?’ Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.”

Matthew 14:31

“³¹ Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’”

Matthew 26:69-75

“⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him and said, ‘You too were with Jesus the Galilean.’ ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, ‘I do not know what you are talking about.’ ⁷¹ When he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and said to those who were there, ‘This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.’ ⁷² And again he denied it with an oath, ‘I do not know the man.’ ⁷³ A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, ‘Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away.’ ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and swear, ‘I do not know the man!’ And immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, ‘Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.”

Mark 14:31

“⁵⁰ And they all left Him and fled.”

Matthew 17:19

“¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, ‘Why could we not drive it out?’”

Luke 6:16

“¹⁶ Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.”

Iscariot

Psalm 41:9

“⁹ Even my close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.”

Psalm 55:12-14

“¹² For it is not an enemy who reproaches me, then I could bear {it} nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, then I could hide myself from him. ¹³ But it is you, a man my equal, My companion and my familiar friend. ¹⁴ We who had sweet fellowship together, walked in the house of God in the throng.”

Zechariah 11:12-13

“¹² And I said to them, ‘If it is good in your sight, give {me} my wages; but if not, never mind!’ So they weighed out thirty {shekels} of silver as my wages. ¹³ Then the LORD said to me, ‘Throw it to the potter, {that} magnificent price at which I was valued by them.’ So I took the thirty {shekels} of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.”

Luke 22:22

“²² For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!”

**If God could use the
twelve known as apostles,
he can use any of us.**

**The call of the apostles
ended in physical death
while we are, at least,
called to spiritual death.**