

Jesus Calls

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Mark 3:7-21

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Review:

- John the Baptist announced the coming Messiah
- Jesus came to John to be baptized: identifying w/ sinners
- Heavens torn open, spirit descends, Father speaks
- Jesus overcame the temptations & began preaching
- Jesus heals, gathers disciples, prays and preaches
- Jesus even forgives sins, annoying the religious!
- Jesus calls unworthy sinners to be His disciples, The Kingdom has come!

The Building Controversy

- Jesus has already been confronted by Pharisees^{Mrk 2:6,16,18}
- The Pharisees now seek to destroy Jesus^{Mrk3:6}
- Set-apart Pharisees now conspire with 'outcast' Herodians

Beware the Error of the Pharisees

- They had a wrong view of God - didn't grasp how holy God was^{Isa6:5}
- They had an inadequate view of sin - saw selves as holy^{Isa64:6;Jms2:10}
- If only they had looked to Scriptures^{Isa55:6-9}
- They missed Jesus' message of the Gospel^{Mrk1:15}

A Focus on Ministry

- Jesus withdrew to the sea; people all over came
- Jesus came to rescue sinners of all nations^{Isa43:5-6;Mt8:11-12}

The Demons Know Who Jesus Is

- Pharisees attack Jesus – later accuse of being possessed^{3:22}
- Demons cry out Jesus is the Son of God!
- Not a cry of faith – but of rebellion & defeat - they obey

A Divine Messiah

- Jesus is on a Divine Mission to usher in Kingdom of God
- Calling of 12 loaded with OT imagery:
 - Jesus is 'new Moses' (covenant mediator)
 - Jesus chooses 12 apostles to lead the 'new Israel'^{rGal6:16}
 - Jesus calls them & equips them for service - election
 - Jesus didn't ask them if they wanted to serve, He called they obeyed and followed Him!
 - Jesus calls by name - Isaiah 43:1-7
- We are part of the 'new Israel' and we are called by name!
- Let us leave everything behind and follow our New Master with faith in His provision and equipping!
- Remember we are called by name, though we were unworthy. Jesus provides what we need by calling us!

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