

Who Do You Say I Am? – Mark Scene 7
The Book of Mark companion guide
Mark 3:7-19
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

This week's guide is based on the Mark passage and scene in the companion book

The buzz about Jesus is continuing to gain momentum

The crowds seem attracted to what he is doing, but not necessarily his message.

*What initially attracted you to Jesus?

*When are the times you find yourself most interested in what he can do for you?

Read and discuss Mark 3:7-19 (Nicolas Zola translation)

And Jesus withdrew to the sea with his students, and a great number from Galilee followed him. Hearing everything that he was doing, a great number also came to him from Judea and from Jerusalem and from Idumea and beyond the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. And he told his students that a boat should stand ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him. For he healed many, so that all those with diseases pressed in on him to touch him. And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, would fall down before him and cry out, saying, "You are the Son of God!" And he would sternly reprimand them, so that they would not make him known.

And he goes up a hillside and calls for those he had chosen, and they went to him. Now he appointed twelve, whom he also named "Sent Ones," so they that could be with him and so that he could send them out to proclaim and to have authority to drive out the demons. So he appointed the Twelve: Now to Simon he gave the name Rock; and James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, now to them he gave the name Boanerges, that is, the Sons of Thunder; and there was Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also handed him over.

*What is this passage saying to you?

Mark is transitioning the story from Jesus' ministry to his calling of the 12

The focus turns to the relationship of the Sent Ones with Jesus.

*What are some of the obvious contrasts Mark seems to make between the masses and the chosen?

*Do you more often see yourself as the crowd or the called? Why?

Apostles were to be with him and be sent out

They were called to experience proximity with him and exercise authority.

*What do these two purposes mean to you? What do they look like today?

*Why do you think it's so important for the being with him to be a prerequisite of being sent out?

*What are some ways you could 'be with him' this week?