

# **Mark Dispensationally Considered**

**Mark 3:7-21: Jesus Heals the  
Multitudes and Ordains the Twelve**

## Mark 3:7-9

- Matthew 12:15—when Jesus knew that the Pharisees were taking council how they might destroy him he withdrew himself from the synagogue to the sea (Mark 3:7).
- Mark 3:7-8—tells us where the people forming the multitude were from: Galille, Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea (south of Judea), beyond Jordan, Tyre, and Sidon
- Mark 3:9—Jesus orders his disciples to prepare a ship lest the multitude throng him. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary* defines “throng” as “a crowd; a multitude of persons or of living beings pressing or pressed into a close body or assemblage; as a throng of people at a play-house.”

## Mark 3:10-12

- Mark 3:10—the people in this multitude pressed upon Jesus seeking only to touch him and be healed.
  - Luke 6:17-19—virtue went out from Christ and all who touched him were healed.
- Mark 3:11—again we see that the unclean spirits knew who Christ was. They correctly identify him as the Son of God. We have already seen in great detail how the religious leadership of Israel fought his conclusion (Mark 2:7)
- Mark 3:12—in verse 12 we have another instance of Jesus charging the unclean spirits not to make him known (Mark 1:34).
- Matthew 12:17-21—seems to address the questions why Jesus orders the demons to not make him known. The passage is a quotation from Isaiah 42:1-4. Christ's ordering the demons to silence is the fulfillment of prophecy according to Christ.

## Mark 3:13-15

- Mark 3:13—tells us that the ordination of the 12 occurred when Jesus went into a mountain and called them unto him.
  - Luke 6:12-13—Jesus goes up into a mountain where he spends the night in prayer after which time he calls twelve in the morning.
- Mark 3:14—of all Christ’s disciples he “ordained” or appointed, instituted, established, or invested with apostolic authority only 12 men. These 12 men are the ones that Jesus sent forth to preach.
- Mark 3:15—informs us that these men were also given power to heal sicknesses and to cast out devils.
  - John 4:48—Jesus gives these men power to heal and cast out devils as a means of authenticating their preaching.
  - I Corinthians 1:22—the reason Christ does this is connected to who their audience was.

## Mark 3:13-15

- Matthew 10:1-2—power against unclean spirits, and all manner of sickness and disease was given only to the 12 apostles.
- Notice that before they were given this power they were called disciples in verse 1 but afterwards they are called apostles in verse 2. All the apostles were disciples but not all the disciples were apostles.
  - Disciple—a learner; a scholar; one who receives or professes to receive instruction from another; as the disciples of Plato.  
2) A follower; an adherent to the doctrines of another. Hence the constant attendants of Christ were called his disciples; and hence all Christians are called his disciples, as they profess to learn and receive his doctrines and precepts.  
(*Webster's 1828*)
  - Apostle—is one who is sent forth. Matthew 10:5—defines the term Apostles for us as one who is sent forth.

# Mark 3:13-15

- Matthew 10:5-6—tell us who the 12 were sent to and who they were not sent to. In other words who were they supposed to preach to?
  - Negative—“go not” to the Gentiles or the Samaritans.
  - Positive—“but go rather” to the “lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
- Why did Jesus give them power against unclean spirits and all manner of sickness and diseases? Because they were sent forth to preach to a group of people required and demanded signs in order to believe.
- Matthew 10:6—what were they supposed to preach? They are instructed to preach the gospel of the Kingdom. This had been God’s message to Israel since the time of John the Baptist.
  - Matthew 3:1-2—John preached this message.
  - Matthew 4:17, 23—Jesus Christ preached this message.
  - Mark 1:14-15—the time according to the prophetic time calendar had arrived and therefore the kingdom of God was at hand or near. In light of these prophetic facts, Israel was being called to repent and believe.
  - Luke 16:16— since the time of John the Baptist the message in and to Israel was the kingdom of heaven was at hand.

## Mark 3:13-15

- By the time you reach Matthew 16, the 12 Apostles had been with Christ preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom for almost 2 years.
- Matthew 16:21-23—Christ only begins to show them the issues surrounding his death, burial, and resurrection.
- Therefore it is clear that there was no blood atonement preached in the gospel of the kingdom. Not only do you have a gospel that has nothing to do with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ but it was also to Israel only.
- Luke 24:5-9—it is not until after the fact that the 12 Apostles comprehend the issue of his resurrection.
- Matthew 10:8—again the 12 are given the same power because they were commissioned to preach and teach the same message as Christ to the same audience.

## Mark 3:16-19

- These verses are a list of the twelve men whom Christ sent forth to preach the gospel of the Kingdom.
  - Matthew 10:2-4
  - Luke 6:14-16
- As always there is slight variation between how Matthew, Mark, and Luke list the names of the apostles but all 12 accounted for in each account.

## Mark 3:20-21

- According to the context, the crowd surrounding Jesus in this house was so large that some of Jesus' friends decided that he needed to leave for his own safety.

# **Financial Update**

**6 Month Update**

# Budget Presented October 31, 2010

## Purposed Weekly Budget

## Actual Weekly Need

Operating Exp.	\$846
25% of Mort.	\$288
Total Goal	\$1,134

Operating Exp.	\$846
100% of Mort.	\$1,152
Total	\$2,000

**Covers operating expenses +  
25% of the mortgage**

**Covers all expenses including  
mortgage**

# Presented Break Down

## Purposed Budget

\$1134/week @ 60 members

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**\$19/week** per member

## Actual Need

\$2000/week @ 60 members

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**\$33/week** per member

## 6 Month Budget Facts

- Only 2 months in the last 6 have we meet the purposed weekly goals to the point that the saints covered 25% if the mortgage.
- For April the family paying the mortgage had to make an additional offering of \$1,500 so that I could receive my housing allowance and operating expenses could be paid.
- In short, lately we have not been consistently meeting our weekly operating budget of \$846.00/week.

# Strategies For Addressing the Problem

- **Formal Offering**—starting next week we will begin collecting a formal offering as part of the service. The offering can will still be made available.
- **Better Communication**—along with the weekly offering totals currently listed the bulletin include Year to Date numbers.
- **Meijer Community Rewards**—see information on the back table.
- **Renting the Facility**—seeking a day care center or another church to rent the facility in an attempt to generate consistent steady income.
- **Selling the Facility**—if other efforts fail to generate enough income to make the church more financially stable to board will consider selling the building and relocating somewhere else.

# “As he Purposeth in his Heart”

- II Corinthians 9:6-7
- Consider the value of the ministry to your life and family.
- Consider how you can help support it.
- Discuss, Decide, and Purpose to give.
  - Faithful
  - Consistent
- The doors are open, lights are on, coffee is made, and doughnuts are eaten regardless of who is here.
- Grace should never be an excuse to do nothing it should motivate us to do our personal best as an expression of our gratitude to Christ.