

Mk Series pt 19

- What we're doing.
 - o Vs by vs
 - o Why
 - We need it.
 - o Apologetics
 - To change minds and strengthen faith
- Series link in description (BT app, podcast)
 - o All free
- Focus for today
 - o How do I apply stuff written to the 12, to me?
 - o Jesus send out the 12 two by two
 - o When Jesus says something the 12 do we always apply it to ourselves without qualification?
 - How are they different than us in calling and enablement?

Mark 6:7–13 (NASB95)

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- Should I go without?
- Should everyone?
- Should ministers?
- Just missionaries?

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- “the twelve”
 - o Includes Judas
 - We imagine him following and stealing
 - He preached.
 - It happens
 - o It happens according to God’s plan
- “in pairs”
 - o A practice that continued
 - ***Acts 8:14 (NASB95) ¹⁴Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John,***
 - ***Acts 13:2 (NASB95) ²While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”***
 - When they split
 - ***Acts 15:39–40 (NASB95) ³⁹And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. ⁴⁰But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.***
 - o Why?
 - 1 Mouth of two or three witnesses
 - 2 help
 - ***Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NASB95) ⁹Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. ¹⁰For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. ¹¹Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm***

alone? ¹²And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.

- Not the point of the passage but...
 - Don't isolate in ministry. Invest in a friend.
- It's interesting that two working together do more work than two working apart.
- MAYBE – they inspire one another and keep each other on mission.
- 3 Benefit of practicing their memorization and recall of Jesus' words
 - And with accountability.
- Observation: From the beginning it was important to accurately report the words of Jesus
 - Telephone game?
- RULE?
 - No, wisdom.
 - Not a command, an example
- More, subtle but profound, implications on who Jesus is
 - “and gave them authority unclean spirits”
 - Even Michael the archangel didn't have this to give.
 - **Jude 9 (NASB95)⁹But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”**
 - Jesus...
 - 1- rebukes Satan
 - Mt 4:10 “Go, Satan”
 - Satan goes!
 - After this He casts out “Satan”
 - “binds the strong man” 3:27

- Satan doesn't come directly against Jesus after the temptation
 - attacks through human agency
- It only works because Christ wants it to.
 - And it undoes Satan
- 2- gives authority to others over unclean spirits!
 - Jesus isn't Michael.
- Stories of demonic encounters and the name of Jesus

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- Should I go without?
 - First ask “how did this apply to them?”
 - **Luke 22:35–36 (NASB95) ³⁵And He said to them, “When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?” They said, “No, nothing.” ³⁶And He said to them, “But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.**
- A season
 - Why?
 - Training.
 - But not a command for all
 - Don't skip context
 - No shortcut here.
 - Don't be reckless, learn the scriptures.
- Then what were they learning?
 - Here's the gold!
 - No bread – no food

- No bag – no nothing!
- No money – if you don't have something you can buy it
- No second tunic – no backup supplies
- This put them in IMMEDIATE need.
 - With no perceived way of meeting it.
 - Beyond people who responded to the preaching
- Were they to practice suffering lack?
 - No!
 - Lk 22:35 “‘did you lack anything?’ They said, ‘Nothing’”
- How?
 - **¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town.**
 - Hospitality
 - The kindness of those who they ministered to.
 - Not a universal command, BUT
 - An example of future ministry
 - **Galatians 6:6 (NASB95) ⁶The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.**
 - **1 Timothy 5:17–18 (NASB95) ¹⁷The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. ¹⁸For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,” and “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”**
 - Jesus said this to the 72
 - **Luke 10:7 (NASB95) ⁷“Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is**

worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house.

- Paul didn't always do it
 - **1 Thessalonians 2:9 (NASB95) ⁹For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.**
- Both of these ideas are brought together here
 - **1 Corinthians 9:14–15 (NASB95) ¹⁴So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel. ¹⁵But I have used none of these things. And I am not writing these things so that it will be done so in my case;**
 - Trust in God's provision as they do ministry.
 - “seek first....”
 - Principle we can apply
 - Trust Him, but don't tempt Him
 - “throw yourself down”
- ¹¹“Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them.”**
 - Profound
 - Gentile dirt was considered unclean (Mishnah Tahorot 4:5)
 - “a clod from the land of the Gentiles”

- “It’s on them”
 - Before I say this, let me say
 - Be an ambassador
 - 1- to glorify God
 - 2- that they would see the gospel, taught AND lived
 - You not only preach Christ, you represent Christ
 - You’re not just His mouth... you’re His body.
 - I pray everyone knows at least ONE good Christian
 - Be that Christian
 - But, “hypocritical Christians”
 - Not a good reason to reject Christ.
- Montage of “it’s on them” passages in scripture
 - **??? Ezekiel 33:1–9 (NASB95) ¹And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ²“Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them, ‘If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman, ³and he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows on the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. ⁵He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life. ⁶But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman’s hand.’ ⁷“Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. ⁸“When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand. ⁹“But**

if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life.

- On us to tell.
 - On them to turn.
 - Parable of the sower
 - Same seed, different soils
 - Gospel of John has a lot of this
 - John 5:46–47 (NASB95) ⁴⁶“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. ⁴⁷“But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”
 - John 6:44–45 (NASB95) ⁴⁴“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵“It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.
 - ***Acts 18:4–6 (NASB95) ⁴And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. ⁵But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”***
 - Shake the dust off
 - A testimony against them.
 - “the dirt from your town isn’t on me”
 - Accountable for what we’ve heard.
 - And what did they hear?
- ¹²**They went out and preached that men should repent.**
- This isn’t the whole message. (fulfilled, believe, repent)
 - Then why is it all we get?
 - It’s the application!

- Christian – this is still the message
- Non-Christian – you need to repent.
 - God has made a way
 - Repent, it's on you.

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- The disciples healed?
 - Why isn't this focused on more?
 - Because it's about Jesus
 - Front and center
 - Unlike and greater than anyone.
 - In fact, what they did was by HIS enablement
 - He gave them the authority
 - Their healings speak of who Christ is, not who they were.
 - In Acts they do as well
 - Man born crippled
 - ***Acts 3:6 (NASB95) ⁶But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!"***
- Note: healing and exorcism are separated again
 - Everything is a demon? Not in scripture.
 - Oil used on the sick, not the possessed.
- Oil? What's up with it?
 - Only mentioned in Mark
 - Only twice in connection to healing
 - Here and James
 - ***James 5:14–15 (NASB95) ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and***

the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

- Jesus didn't seem to do it
 - "but maybe Jesus did!"
 - Well, we get lots of details about Jesus' healing activities.
 - Made mud
 - took someone by the hand
 - fingers in ears
 - just commanded (from a distance – Lazarus)
 - touch his robe
- (Acts) Disciples didn't always do it... perhaps not even normally
- Options
 - Oil as getting you ready to do life.
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 - Oil as medicine
 - In OT a few references
 - In NT times
 - Luke 10:34 (NASB95) ³⁴and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.
 - Also
 - Josephus says Herod took an oil bath (during the illness that killed him)
 - 2nd century Greek physician Galen, "the best of all remedies for paralysis"
 - Don't overblow this
 - Daniel diet?
 - What was remarkable was that it worked!

- 1 Timothy 5:23 (NASB95) ²³No longer drink water exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.
 - Medicine
 - Oil as symbolic
 - Of the Holy Spirit – Zech 4
 - Of God’s commissioning someone (kings, priests)
 - Poured out on Aaron
 - Of cleansing a leper
 - On the lobe of the right ear, thumb of the right hand, big toe of the right foot (Lev 14:15-18)
 - A variety of uses
 - Symbols matter
 - Oil as a faith trigger
 - “if I just touch the edge of His garment...”
 - Centurion “if you just say the word”
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- Oil commanded in James.
 - Medicinal/symbolic/
 - It’s not like oil was treatment for every illness.
 - Symbolic of
 - Medicine/healing
 - The Holy Spirit
 - God’s help/empowerment/calling
 - Faith trigger.
- Bottom line on application –
 - Not for us to go without
 - Mt 6:33
 - Freedom to seek first.
 - This fits any life
 - A time to go with nothing.
 - A time to take along extra supplies
- Wisdom and the leading of the Holy Spirit
 - Point?
 - Seek first and all
- Repent
 - The message of Christ has a required response
 - A call to turn back to God in truth.
 - Not just affirm doctrine
 - Not to diminish that
 - But a heart turned to God.