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**Series:** Mark: The Sovereign, Suffering Servant  
**Title:** The King's Popularity and Plan  
**Text:** Mark 3:7-19



## I. THE KING'S FAR-REACHING POPULARITY

Mark 3:7-12 -

1) Jesus came to save sinners of every ethnicity and of every cultural and socio-economic category! Whether you know it or not, Jesus is the Savior YOU need!

(Isaiah 49:6)

Mark 3:9-12 -

2) While the demons know that Jesus is the Son of God and fall down before Him, the crowds mostly regard Him as a miracle-working celebrity to be touched and used.

(Matthew 9:36-37)

## II. THE KING'S FOUNDATION-BUILDING PLAN

Mark 3:13-19 -

1) Jesus desired to do this! He desired to call these twelve men to Himself in order to create something new!

(1 John 4:19; John 6:37; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Peter 2:9-10)

2) The Twelve Apostles were uniquely entrusted with Jesus' power and authority to lay the foundation of truth upon which the church is built.

(John 14:25-26; Ephesians 2:19-21)

Note: We do not hold the office of Apostle, but we do hold the office of ambassador!

(2 Corinthians 5:20-21)

3) Being with Jesus is essential; it comes before being sent out. Discipleship is relational and devotional before it is task-oriented.

(John 15:4-5)

4) It's amazing that we know both so much and so little about these Twelve Apostles!

**Simon/Peter** - Much known! Leader & Spokesman. Much growth and change!

**James and John** - Brothers. "Sons of Thunder" James first Apostle to die for his faith. John last living Apostle. Received/Wrote book of Revelation on Island of Patmos as an old man.

**Andrew** - Fisherman. First brought his brother (Peter) to Jesus.

**Philip** - Often pictured as bringing people to Jesus. Sometimes slow to understand.

**Bartholomew/Nathanael** - Described as a very direct, forthright, honest kind of man.

**Matthew/Levi** - A former tax collector.

**Thomas** - The group's resident pessimist and "Debbie Downer." Slow and reluctant to believe in the resurrection even after hearing eye witness testimony.

**James the son of Alphaeus** - Sometimes referred to as "James the less."

**Thaddaeus** - Also sometimes called "Judas NOT Iscariot!"

**Simon the Zealot** - Probably belonged to a group intent on driving out the Romans.

**Judas Iscariot** - He betrayed Jesus.

Note: The Disciples merely point the way; Jesus is the destination!

### **Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...**

1. Why does Mark bother to tell us (in verses 7-8) where all the people came from—those who were eager to hear, see, and touch Jesus? What's the point?
2. What do the demons believe about Jesus? What do the crowds believe? And what do Jesus' words and actions toward both reveal about His character and nature?
3. What does Jesus "appoint" (create and establish) in verse 13? Why?
4. How would Jesus use and work through these Apostles? What would they do? (Consider: John 14:25-26 and Ephesians 2:19-21)
5. What does it mean to "abide" in Jesus? How do you do that on a daily basis? What does it mean for you to be Jesus' ambassador? In what ways do you think you're good and/or bad at this?