**Jesus Appoints the Twelve Apostles**

Mark 3:13-35

Key Verse 3:14-15 “He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.”

1. Review 3:7-12. What do these events show about the need for shepherds? What was Jesus’ purpose in appointing the twelve disciples? What does it mean to designate them as apostles? (14; See the footnote.)

2. Who were the 12? (16-19) What kinds of men are they? Why is “being with Jesus” essential? (cf. Acts 4:13)

3. When Jesus’ ministry grew, who opposed him and why? (20-22) How did Jesus answer them? (23-30) Why is blaspheming against the Holy Spirit so serious? (29-30)

4. Why had Jesus’ mother and brothers come? (21) How did Jesus deal with his family? (31-35)

5. What does Jesus mean when he said, “Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother”? (34-35) How can we be in Jesus’ family? (cf. Luke 14:26)