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The Twelve Apostles
(Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16)

The two Gospels that seem to have more detail than the other two Gospels were written by two disciples that were not of the 12 chosen Apostles. They witness none or only a few specifics of the events they wrote about. However, they were inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit in their endeavors of investigation and writing.

Q. Why do you suppose that is?

My suspicion is that they have more information to write because they interviewed many people. So, they got a number of perspectives of the same events. If you don't witness something yourself the Word tells us that a thing can be verified by two or more witnesses. Multiple eyewitness accounts in the eyes of the Law is better than a single eyewitness account.

Why did two non-Apostles write two of the 4 gospels?

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1And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

> ***Mark 3: 13And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. 14And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 15And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: 16And Simon he surnamed Peter; 17And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: 18And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, 19And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.***

2Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

Back in verse 1, we are told:

> **“he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.**

When something is declared to be “unclean” then there must be by deduction something that is clean.

Strong's Concordance defines those two opposites this way:

Unclean:

"Pronunciation: *ah-KAH-thar-tos*
Phonetic Spelling: *(ak-ath'-ar-tos)*
KJV: *foul, unclean*
NASB: *unclean, impure person, unclean things*
Word Origin: *[from G1 (α - Alpha) (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of G2508 (καθαίρω - prunes) meaning "cleansed"]"*

"a" pronounced "ah" in the Greek in this case means "un", Kahthartos means "clean".

Clean:

"Pronunciation: *kath-ah-ee'-ro*
Phonetic Spelling: *(kath-ah'-ee-ro)*
KJV: *purge*
NASB: *prunes*
Word Origin: *[from G2513 (καθαρός - clean)]*

1. to cleanse
2. (specially) to prune
3. (figuratively) to atone"

There was a time in God's Kingdom when there was no such thing as unclean. Everything God had created was pure and clean. When Satan rebelled in heaven along with 1/3 of all the angels were cast down to earth, the Kingdom of God encountered "unclean". Because God cannot be in the presence of evil heaven was purged of the unclean, leaving only the clean of His Creation.

The Trinity was present at the purging of the unclean from Heaven, so that means the Word of God Jesus the Messiah a form of God before the Word became flesh was there when Satan was cast down.

According to these verses, Jesus has the power to grant power to other men in order to come against Satan and his demons and sickness in all its forms.

> ***against*** **unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.**

We are told that this power was granted to the 12 and an additional 72 disciples while Jesus still walked on the earth. After Jesus's resurrection a few more disciples like Apostle Paul were given the same power.

From Got Questions on the issue of New Testament Believers and the power to cast out demons?

"It is important to note that the Bible never commands believers to perform exorcisms, nor does it present exorcism as a common or routine practice for Christians. The ability to cast out demons was part of the apostolic ministry and served to authenticate the message of the gospel in the first century. While God can and does still deliver people from demonic oppression today, the Bible does not instruct Christians to seek out demons in order to engage them in confrontational spiritual warfare. In fact, Jude

1:9 gives a sobering example of the humility we need in this matter: "Even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'" Even Michael the archangel did not rebuke Satan directly but appealed to the Lord's authority."

The Ministry of the Twelve
(Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6)

5These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

This is obviously not a slight against the gentile world. Jesus had a mission as He was sent by God to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Israel first, then the rest of the world. The restriction was only temporary and would after Jesus' ascension include the gentile world.

The Samaritans as we have studied were a mix breeding of Hebrews and conquering cultures and transplanted cultures that were also defeated by the Assyrians and other hostile nations.

6But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Jesus is very specific about the directions He gave His Apostles. They were to preach, telling Israel that ***"the kingdom of heaven is at hand".***

John the Baptist used exactly the same phrase during his ministry.

> ***Matthew 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.***

We saw Jesus use the same phrase earlier in Matthew.

> ***Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.***

> **8Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.**

Jesus is asking His Disciples to do nothing more than what He did Himself. They had seen Jesus do each of these instructions, so there was no doubt in their minds that it was possible.

The real issue is to do it without charging anyone. Jesus did it out of Love and He directed His disciples to do likewise.

> **9Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.**

Jesus tells his disciples that they would not need to take anything for clothing beyond what they wore and no money would be needed. People would reach out to care for them, and Jesus ends it with this simple statement:

"for the workman is worth of his meat."

11And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

God declared what the term worthy would look like in Isaiah.

Isaiah 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Q. Does anyone remember what God said was the beginning of Wisdom?

Proverbs 9:12 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

12And when ye come into an house, salute it.

God's intent was to have the Apostles lead off with a blessing as they interacted with homes to see which was worthy; humble, contrite spirits, open to the Good News.

Luke 10:5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

Colossians 4:3 praying at the same time also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, on account of which also I have been bound,

13And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

A good definition of “worthy” is “humble and contrite spirit”. It was a key that Jesus told His disciples to look for. Not power or wealth, but people were of a humble and contrite spirit, they would be worthy of the Disciples presence.

Of course, the first consideration would be that the people of a household would be open to the Good News and receptive to what the Disciples had to tell them about the Kingdom of God being there in the form of Jesus the Messiah.

Jesus had demonstrated to His Apostles this very gesture when He told them that when He went away He would give them the “Comforter” the Holy Ghost.

> ***John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.***

> **14And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.**

Shaking the dust from one’s feet was a familiar Jewish gesture when leaving Gentile territory. It signaled separation from what was considered unclean and showed that the traveler wanted no continued association with those who had rejected the message.

I think it is interesting to compare what the Jews looked at the Gentiles as “unclean” and what Jesus referred to as “unclean” from vs 1.

***Matthew 10:1…..against* unclean spirits**

The point is that the Jews put the gentiles into the same category as Jesus put demons in.

> **15Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.**

A hard and staunch command that the disciples were to direct at an entire town or a specific home.

> ***Acts 13:51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.***
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> ***Genesis 19: 24Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;***

Comfort in Persecution
(2 Timothy 1:6-12)

> **16Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. 17But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; 18And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. 19But when they deliver**

you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

> ***2 Timothy 1:6-12 6Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.***
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> ***8Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; 9Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 10But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: 11Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. 12For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.***

21And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up

against *their* parents, and cause them to be put to death. 22And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

It is an extraordinary thing that a brother or sister or father or mother would conspire to have their siblings or children put to death. The end of time is of such violence, hatred and anger that it is almost inconceivable. But wait, some of you know people that are hated by their families right now because of Trump. So, to consider the hatred it takes to relate your own family to another person is not far from also hating you because of whom you serve as King and Savior.

As it has been said, Jesus is my King, Trump is my President. Really, how far is that jump.

23But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

The goal was not self-preservation; the goal was to continue the mission of sharing the Good News.

The interesting part is the timing. Jesus said they would not be able to flee to all the cities in Israel before the coming of the Lord.

I believe what He is saying is that the evangelizing of Israel will not be complete before Jesus returns. It has been said that 90%

of the Jews in Israel are not practicing Jews. The Good News that the Apostles and all of us are to share is the availability of Salvation to all people in the world including and most specifically the Jews. There is great growth taking place in Israel today, but what Jesus said will be born out. Not all of Israel will be reached for Christ before His return. And, I think the return Jesus is speaking of is when He once again stands on the Mount of Olives at the end of the Tribulation.

> **24The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord. 25It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household?**

Just as the disciple mirrors his master so does the servant mimic his lord. If the house is evil, then those in it will likely be evil. Whatever the house is like those living in it will be like those in charge.

> **Fearing God Alone**
> ***(Luke 12:4-7)***
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> **26Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.**

Those who oppose God: In verse 26, “them” refers to those who plot evil against the Lord and His servants. Their schemes may be

hidden in secret meetings, private conversations, or unseen motives, but Jesus reminds His disciples that nothing concealed will remain hidden forever. What is covered will be revealed, and what is secret will eventually be made known.

It is a lesson also to those who serve God. If our motives are false or of an evil nature, not on our own assessment but on the assessment of God those too will be known at the Bema Seat Judgement of Christ. Again, to be crystal clear here, the Bema Seat Judgement is not to determine Salvation that is already settled for Believers. However, the things we as Believers do will be judged and tested by Christ as if through fire; a hard look at our motives by Jesus based on His Word and our hearts.

> 27**What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.**

As Believers you will have undoubtedly had private conversations with Jesus, sometimes through prayer other times while just reading His Word. You have no doubt that the Lord has spoken to your heart, either convicting you of some sin or opening your eyes to a truth that you had not seen before. In either case whatever the Lord speaks to you in your heart it WILL NOT VIOLATE the WORD OF GOD!

28And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Them here again are those who plot evil including demons and those driven by demons. God is in control and there is nothing "They", "Them" can do to you that will ever separate you from God. They may kill us, or injure us but they can never take God from us.

On that note I would like you to consider how committed you are to what you believe. Likely you are so committed that you know there is no way you will ever leave what you know to be true. Consider this; there are many religions that believe they are absolutely correct in their belief, yet they have rejected the Word of God for another teaching, but still are committed to that teaching just as surely as you are committed to God's Word and to Jesus the Living Savior. In that light I'd like to show you a video of a young woman who was Mormon her entire life and what happened to her.

If you are watching this on you tube, if you go to our web site at www.livingmontanabiblestudy.com you can find the video and watch it. I just have not figured out how to embed it in our live broadcast. My apologies.

The point is that she was convinced without a doubt in her mind that her Mormon religion was the one and only true religion.

Consider other religions that believe the same; Islam, Hinduism, etc. It is easy to see why God says that Broad is the way to destruction and many there are that find it.

Mormon turned Christian

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> **29Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.**

God's eye is not limited by His creation. Every bird, every deer, and every creeping thing He has made remains within His sight.

Since the fall of man, creation has lived in conflict rather than in the harmony God originally intended. God did not originally create man to kill and eat His creatures, but after sin entered the world, He made animals available as food.

Since then, creation has reflected an order of life, from the apex predator to the humblest creature, yet that order often appears through struggle and death. Still, the conflict within nature does not mean God has withdrawn from His creation. He remains directly involved in every living creature and of the earth itself.

30But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

One may think from this verse 31 that man's value is calculated in sparrow exchange rate. God's point is that He has placed a high value on all His creation. Just like man, whom He created a little lower than the angle.

Psalms 8: 4What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

If you read these verses carefully you will see that Jesus was made a little lower than the angels in the form of man. From that statement we can extrapolate that if Jesus was made in the form of man for God's purpose, then man must have been made in that same position in relation to the angles, slightly lower in power and knowledge. But unlike man, Jesus was then crowned with

Vs 6 ….***"glory and honor, and given dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under HIS feet."***

Confessing Christ

(Luke 12:8-12)

32Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Salvation is God's gift to mankind through His Son, Jesus the Messiah. This gift is free to us because it has been fully paid for by Christ. As believers and recipients of that gift, our response is to confess this truth before others. When we do so, we are walking in obedience to God's will and carrying out the Great Commission. Jesus' response to that obedience is to confess His believers before His Father, acknowledging the faithful witness that flows from salvation.

The Sword of the Gospel
(Luke 12:49-53)

34Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.

Jesus describes what the future will look like to His disciples. Jesus is peace, but His message is contrary to the evil that man has embraced in his heart worldwide. That disparity between God's Will and Satan's plan is what brings the conflict. Conflict

that will reach one of the most sacred parts of God's plan the family. Within a family that has Believers and those who reject the Truth will result in conflict to the point of reporting on one another to the future authorities. Those future authorities will be working for the Anti-Christ and will be charged with rounding up Believers for execution.

Take up Your Cross
(Matthew 16:24-28; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-27)

37He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

Herein lies the one thing more valuable than even our own family: Jesus the Messiah. For many, it is a bridge too far to imagine placing anyone or anything above family. But for the believer, this truth is clear: Jesus must be first. He is the only One through whom our families can be saved, and He is our only hope and our only way to God. If we place anything, including family, above Christ, then we are not truly following Him as Lord.

39He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Jesus reemphasizes the point of putting Him first. The only way to find life, life that is eternal is through Him. If we take this physical

life and make that the most important goal, then we lose our eternal life with Christ and those we love who also love HIM.

The Reward of Service
(2 Kings 4:8-17)

40He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 41He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

This is a warning from Jesus to Believers. There are many churches that hold their pastor in high esteem and seem more committed to him than to Christ. They rely solely on him to direct their lives instead of relying on God's Word. There are many pastors who will not speak the plain truth of God's Word for fear of losing congregants. The pastor should be respected but only if he points only to Jesus as the beginning and end of all things. It is Jesus plus nothing to find Salvation. If we put our hope in any man, our reward ends there with that man.

42And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

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