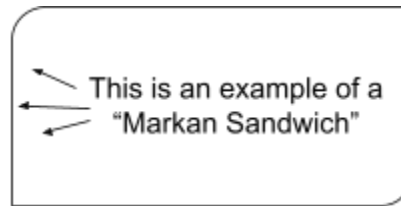


The Gospel of Mark: Session 3

...the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (1:1)

Basic Outline

- Crowds that Follow & Demons that Yell (3:7–12)
- Disciples that Are Appointed (3:13–19)
- Apparent Insiders (3:20–21)
 Blaspheming Outsiders (3:22–30)
- True Insiders (3:31–35)



Questions to Consider as You Read

3:14 says Jesus appointed twelve disciples out of his larger group of disciples. The verse tells us that these twelve were also called apostles. What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

Most of the twelve are simply named in 3:16–18. Mark doesn't give us a lot of details. He does identify Simon in verse 18 as a zealot. The Zealots were a group of Jews that promoted revolution to break free from the power of Rome. Remember what we learned about Levi the tax collector (listed as Matthew in 3:18) in the previous study. Why is it surprising that a tax collector and a zealot are in the same group?

Jesus seems to be very intentional about whom he chooses from the many disciples in 3:13. How should we think about Jesus choosing Judas Iscariot to also be one of the twelve?

Read carefully what the scribes say in 3:22. Are they denying that Jesus has truly cast out demons? Why is their charge against Jesus so serious?

What are different ways you have heard the unpardonable sin explained?

In the midst of a difficult discussion on the unpardonable sin, how is verse 28 encouraging?

How is verse 35 good news to those who are "outsiders" — those that are alienated from God?