JESUS CALLS THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Mark 2:23-3:30 Key Verses: 3:13,14a

> "Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve--designating them apostles...."

STUDY QUESTIONS

- Read verses 2:23-28. Why did the Pharisees criticize Jesus' disciples? How did Jesus defend them? What did he teach about the meaning of the Sabbath? How should it be used?
- 2. Read verses 3:1-6. What was the life problem of the man? Why were the Pharisees watching Jesus? How did Jesus try to teach them and help the man? Why was he angry and distressed? What did he do?
- 3. Read verses 7-12. How did the Pharisees react? (6) How and why did Jesus' ministry grow?
- 4. Read verses 13-19. Where did Jesus go and who did he call? What do verses 13 and 14 teach us about Jesus purpose in appointing the Twelve? What do the two previous paragraphs show about the need for shepherds?
- 5. What do these verses suggest about how Jesus would train them? Who were they? Describe each one.
- 6. Read verses 20-30. When his ministry grew, who opposed him? Why? How did Jesus deal with his family? (31-35) Of what did the teachers of the law accuse him? How did he answer?