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Topic: **Life of Christ: The Ordination of the Twelve**

Scripture Text: Mark 3:13-21

1. The Bible tells us in v.14 that the twelve were ordained. This tells us that Jesus will do a work in their lives. They are chosen by God for a purpose. Before Jesus called the twelve, He spent the night in prayer. This is an example for us to seek God in prayer before any major decisions in life.

2. The appointment of the twelve was a spiritual appointment. They are to do the work of God. Before they were sent forth, they first have to be with Jesus to learn and be trained. Jesus ordained the Twelve (except Judas the betrayal) to be Apostles. For us, we are also sent forth by Christ and we must fulfill God's spiritual purpose for our lives.

3. The appointment is a divine appointment. There is a divine and sovereign purpose that God will accomplish in our lives. Even for Judas Iscariot the betrayal, the divine purpose has determined his betrayal. But at the same time, Judas is responsible for his own sin to betray the Lord Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

4. The appointment is a personal appointment. Jesus called each one by his name in the ordination. God has His purpose for each believer and each one has different purpose and work to do for Christ. We must know what God has saved us for and what is His calling in our lives.

5. We must know that our appointment by God can be misunderstood by others. Jesus was misunderstood when His well-meaning relatives wanted to shield Him from the crowd and thought He was insane by having 12 disciples. We must persevere and stand firm to obey God's calling in our lives even in the midst of oppositions.