

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK "Wanted"

## CROWD CONTROL

- \*Pharisees and Herodians planning how to get their hands on him while others come from miles around to just touch him.
- \*Crowd pressing in and falling upon—picture Black Friday at Walmart
- \*There were those who wanted to know what Jesus could do for them and those who want to know who this Jesus is. **Which one are you? Are we coming to Jesus to give or to get?**

## TOP SECRET MESSIAH (THEN NOT NOW!)

- \*Demons fall down and cry out (repeatedly) Philippians 2:10
- \*The open acknowledgement by Jesus of his messiahship/sonship could easily have been misunderstood and fanned the revolutionary hopes into flame. It would have brought about an immediate confrontation with the Romans. Jesus did not want to and did not go to the cross as a political figure trying to reestablish Israel to its glory.

## WANTED, PURSUED AND CHOSEN

- \*Could Jesus have done it by himself?  
Did Jesus want to do it by himself? Truth is that Jesus didn't want to do this alone. (Still doesn't)
- \*Called in to be Sent out
- \*12 Ordinary men with not much in common. They all had two special qualifications—they were drawn to Jesus and had the courage to follow.
- \*Called—John 15:16, Acts 13:2, Romans 1:1, 7, 8:28, 30, 9:4, 26, 1 Corinthians 1:1, 9, 24, 7:17, Galatians 1:6, 15, Ephesians 1:18, 4:4, Philippians 3:14, 2 Timothy 1:9, Hebrews 9:15, 1 Peter 2:9, Jude 1:1, Revelation 17:14

### Mark 3:7-19 (NIV)

<sup>(7)</sup> Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. <sup>(8)</sup> When they heard all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. <sup>(9)</sup> Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. <sup>(10)</sup> For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. <sup>(11)</sup> Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." <sup>(12)</sup> But he gave them strict orders not to tell who he was. <sup>(13)</sup> Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. <sup>(14)</sup> He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach <sup>(15)</sup> and to have authority to drive out demons. <sup>(16)</sup> These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); <sup>(17)</sup> James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder); <sup>(18)</sup> Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot <sup>(19)</sup> and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

### John 15:16 (NIV)

<sup>(16)</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

### **Matthew**

Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia , killed by a sword wound.

### **Mark**

Died in Alexandria , Egypt , after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.

### **Luke**

Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.

### **John**

Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome . However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison island of Patmos . He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos . The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey . He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.

### **Peter**

He was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

### **James**

Just The leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club. This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.

### **James the Great**

Son of Zebedee, was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was ultimately beheaded at Jerusalem . The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.

### **Bartholomew**

Also known as Nathaniel Was a missionary to Asia . He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey . Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.

### **Andrew**

Was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras , Greece . After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words: 'I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it.' He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.

### **Thomas**

Was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the sub-continent .

### **Jude**

Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

### **Matthias**

The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned and then beheaded.