

CHOOSE JESUS!

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Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (**Joshua 24:15**)

The importance of choosing Jesus ...

I. Learning from those who _____ Jesus.

1. Jesus will give us _____ to choose him.

Mark 6:1-2 Jesus left there and went to his **hometown** accompanied by his disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were **amazed**.

Q: How many _____ will Jesus give YOU?

2. Jesus may _____ those not willing to choose him.

Mark 6:3-4 "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, 4 Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us. **And they took offense at him.**

Q: Has Jesus "in you" ever " _____ " others?

3. Jesus can only _____ those who choose him.

Mark 6:5-6a He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them 6 And he was **amazed** at their **lack of faith**.

Hebrews 11:1-2 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

Q: Have you _____ Jesus' work in your life by your lack of faith?

II. Learning from those who _____ Jesus.

1. Work _____.

Mark 6b-7 Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. 7 Calling the **Twelve** to him, he sent them out **two by two** and gave them authority over evil spirits.

Q: Do you have a _____ of Christians who know you?

2. Be _____ by Jesus.

Mark 6:7 Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and **gave them authority over evil spirits**.
Mark 6:13 They drove out many **demons** and anointed many sick people with oil and **healed them**.

3. Keep it _____.

Mark 6:8-9 These were his instructions: "**Take nothing** for the journey except a staff-- **no bread, no bag, no money** in your belts. 9 Wear sandals but **not** an extra tunic.

4. Pursue _____ people.

Mark 6:10-11 Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. 11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them.

5. Go _____.

Mark 6:12a **They went out** and preached that people should repent.

6. Preach _____.

Mark 6:12b They went out and **preached that people should repent**. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Q: Are you on _____ for Jesus?

III. Summary...

1. There are negative **consequences** for REJECTING Jesus, but _____ for those who accept and YIELD to him.

Joshua 24:15 "... **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

2. We have a choice to make today! **Let's choose _____!**