

Mark 6:7

And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

Have you ever thought about what this verse is saying? Jesus is sending out the *twelve* to minister to others. Does that spark anything in your mind? And when He did this is what Jesus sent all *twelve* of them out to do.

† **Mark 6:8-11** *He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff--no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts-- but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"*

And this is what the *twelve* did:

† **Mark 6:12-13** *So they went out and preached that people should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.*

I purposely bolded the word “*twelve*”, why? Because the *twelve* would include none other than Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

Also, when the *twelve* came back this is what they said:

† **Mark 6:30** *Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.*

So Judas Iscariot *preached that people should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.*

I don't know about you, but when I think about that, it makes me stop and examine my life and my walk with Jesus. Because Judas Iscariot, physically walked with Jesus, and physically heard all of Jesus' teachings and was sent out with the other eleven and did all the awesome things that they did, which was to *cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.*

The same man who would cast out demons would himself be possessed by Satan himself.

† **Luke 22:3** *Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.*

Now if you have made Jesus Lord of your life, you don't have to worry about your salvation or being possessed, because Jesus has cleansed us all from our sins who believe.

† **Acts 13:38-39 (NLT)** *“Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. Everyone who believes in him is declared right with God—something the law of Moses could never do.*

But still we need to put ourselves in check and make sure we are truly walking with the Lord how He says we should be, and not how we think we should be. Because remember Jesus spoke of those who were doing but for the wrong motives and to try and earn their salvation:

† **Matthew 7:21-23** *“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'”*

And who did these very things and Jesus will say to him *“I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”* Judas Iscariot

May I suggest that our prayer would be the following Psalm from our hearts and may we humble ourselves and remember who God is.

† **Psalm 139:23-24** *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.*