

The Book of Mark:

The Calling of the Disciples

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed.⁸ When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon.⁹ Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.¹⁰ For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.¹¹ Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."¹² But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.

Mark 3:7-12 (NIV)

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him.¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons.¹⁶ These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter),¹⁷ James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder"),¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Mark 3:13-19 (NIV)

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

Luke 6:12-13 (NIV)

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by.⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

"You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said.

Mark 14:66-67 (NIV)