

## “Called”

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“called” – συγκαλεσθω – to call together.

3 callings in scripture:

1. The call of salvation to the unbeliever.

General call.

**Matt 22:14**

14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Effectual call.

**1 Peter 2:9**

9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

#### 2. The call to Christian vocation.

**Rom 1:1**

1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

**Luke 6:13**

13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles.

#### 3. The call to every believer to engage in ministry.

**Eph 4:1-3**

1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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“Twelve” – why 12?

- 12 tribes in Israel. The Church temporarily is replacing Israel. This is an indictment on Israel.
  - Simon and Andrew
  - Thomas and Matthew (tax collector)
  - James and John
  - James and Thaddeus
  - Philip and Andrew
  - Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot
- Jesus calls the disciples and grants them 2 different spiritual abilities:
1. Power and authority over all demons (regardless of rank).
  2. Power and authority to heal diseases.

**Matt 10:5-8**

5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans;

6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

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- **Note:** They were not to preach morality. Nor were they to engage in politics or try to reform government. Only proclaim repentance and belief.
- They were to proclaim whenever and wherever they could – synagogues, streetcorners, public squares, gates of the city, houses, marketplace, personal conversations.

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- All abilities and gifts were given to authenticate their reason for being sent out = to proclaim the kingdom of God.

### Heb 2:3-4

3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was **confirmed** to us by those who heard,  
4 God also **testifying with them**, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

### 2 Cor 12:12

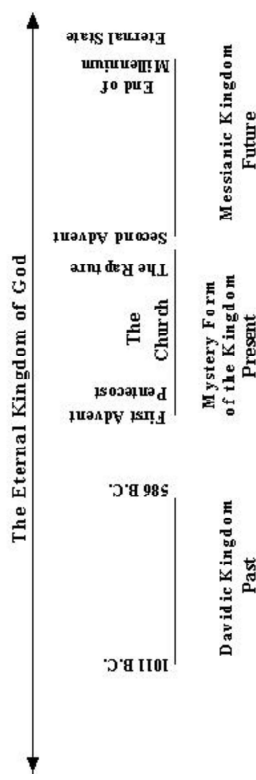
12 The **signs of a true apostle** were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

**"proclaim the kingdom of God" –**

**The message was:**

- The King has arrived; Jesus the Messiah is present with us.
- His kingdom is different from what we expected.
- He gathers a kingdom community of those who will repent and believe.

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**Note:** They were to be supported by those to whom they ministered

#### **Luke 22:35-36**

35 And He said to them, "When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?" They said, "No, nothing."

36 And He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one."

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- There were no hotels.
- Minister to people and someone will invite you in.
- Moving from house to house would imply that they were seeking better place to stay, and this would insult those they were staying with.

#### **Phil 4:12-13**

12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

#### **1 Tim 6:8**

8 If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

**5** **"And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."**

**"shake the dust off your feet"** – this was a symbol, done when a Jew went into Gentile territory and then when he left, when he crossed the border, he shook the dust off of his feet, his clothes, everything.

- Treat them as unclean pagans.

#### **Matt 10:14-15**

14 "Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, **shake the dust off your feet.**"

15 "Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

- If they reject your message, you reject them.
- Why is that important? Because those who reject Christ need to know that they are under condemnation.



## Acts 13:50-52

50 But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

51 But they **shook off the dust of their feet** in protest against them and went to Iconium.

52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

## Acts 18:6

6 But when they resisted and blasphemed, **he shook out his garments** and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean.

## 1 Cor 16:22

22 If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed.

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- "Operation Saturation."
- Jesus will soon move His ministry to Jerusalem. Time to blitz Galilee.
- Preach the gospel. Nothing else.

## Matt 10:7-10

7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

8 "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, **freely give.**

9 "**Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts,**

10 or a bag for your journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support.

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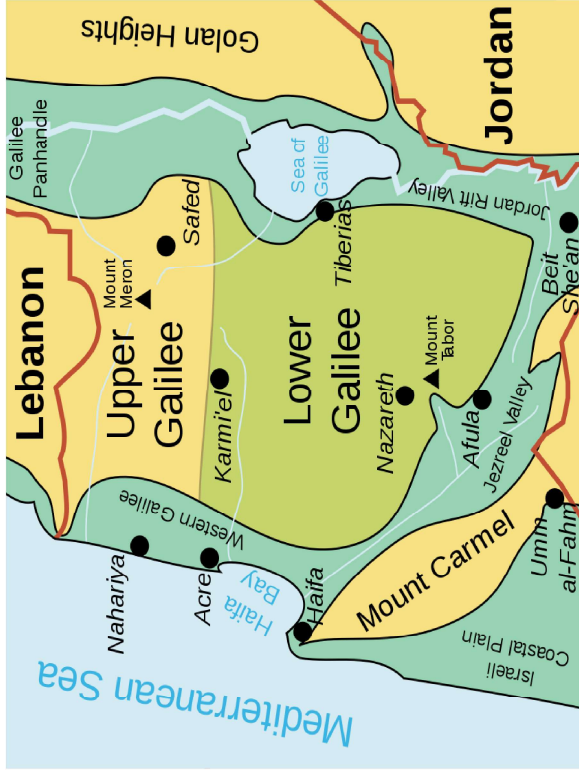
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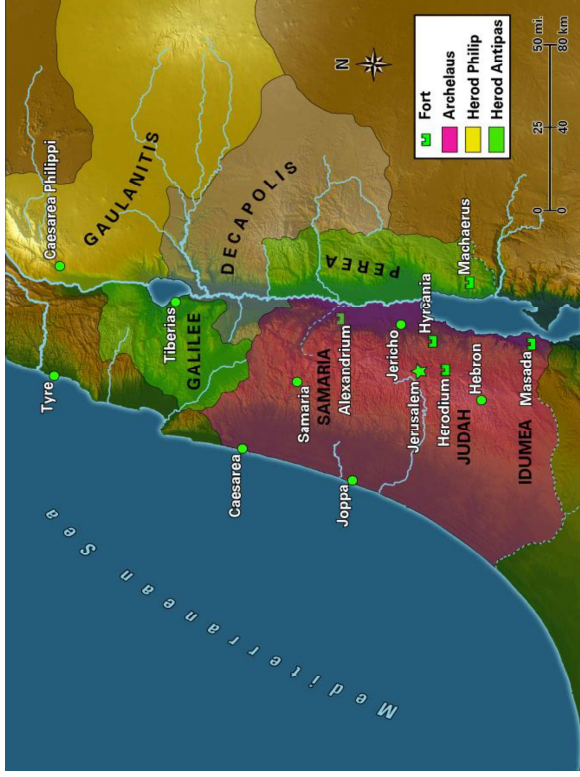
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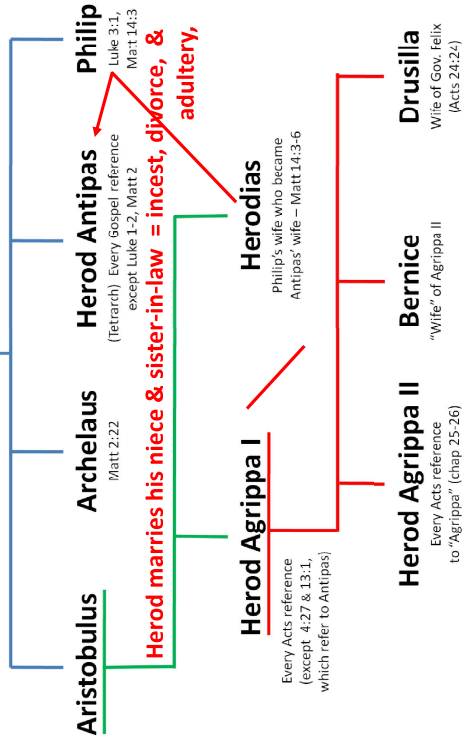
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Herod Antipas was Herodias' uncle,  
and he seduced her from his half-brother.  
In marrying Herodias,  
Herod at once married a woman  
both his niece and his sister-in-law.

## Herod the Great

Luke 1-2, Matt 2



## 2. Elijah?

### Ma1 4:5

5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.

### Matt 17:10-13

10 And His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

11 And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things;

12 but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."

13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

## 3. A prophet that had risen from the dead?

Jeremiah or ???

### Matt 16:14

14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

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- Luke now turns our attention to what's happening with Herod Antipas.

- He is freaking out because he can't figure out who Jesus is and he is getting a little paranoid.

- Was Jesus -

1. John the Baptist - who came back from the dead to haunt and possibly kill Herod? (7)

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- That is the question for everyone isn't it? Who is Jesus Christ?

## Luke 5:21

21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "**Who is this man** who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

## Luke 7:19

19 Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, "**Are You the Expected One**, or do we look for someone else?"

## Luke 7:49

49 Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "**Who is this man** who even forgives sins?"

## Luke 8:25

25 They were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, "**Who then is this**, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?"

## Luke 9:18

18 And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "**Who do the people say that I am?**"

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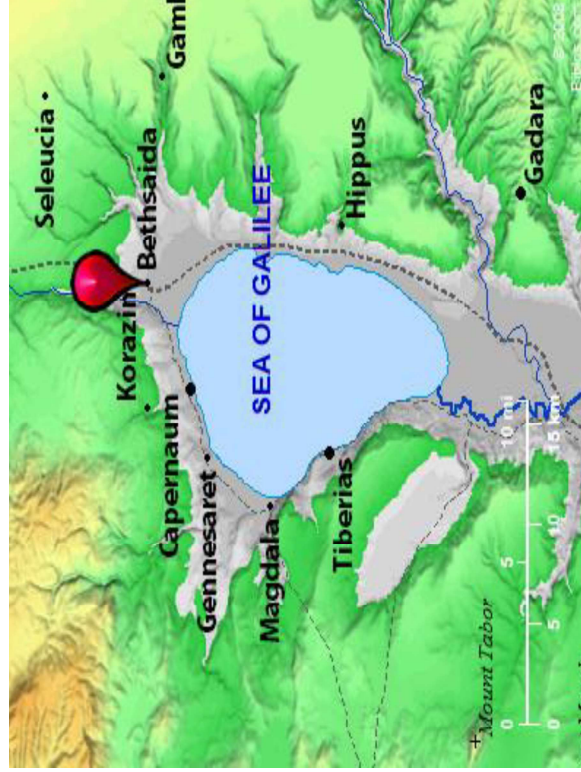
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- Herod's motive for wanting to see Jesus is not to believe and repent, but rather he wants to kill Him.
- **Note:** He keeps trying to see Him.

**10** When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida.

- What an exciting time! Sharing what God had done.
- Apostles no doubt were exhausted. Staying with people, depending on people, preaching every day, dealing with crowds, all of this probably over several weeks. Time for some rest.



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- For some, that is all they wanted – to be healed.
- But the healings gave Jesus an opportunity to tell them of the kingdom of God.
- When you have the attention of people (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, etc.) use it to share the gospel.
- So the preaching and the healing go together.

## Application

1. When you are called by God, God will provide all that you will need to accomplish and fulfill the call.

**1 Thess 5:24**

24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

2. Keep the task of sharing the gospel simple.

3. Make sure your evangelism covers both the benefits of the reception of the gospel and the consequences for the rejection of the gospel.

4. Opposition will be the most fierce when you threaten the kingdom of darkness.

## Remember –

*Better to be lame when you enter heaven,  
than healed and end-up in hell.*

*Better to be blind when you enter heaven,  
than healed and end-up in hell.*

*Better to be deaf when you enter heaven,  
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- Today we don't heal, but we do have the completed, powerful, Word of God to share with people.

## Rom 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,

## Heb 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.