

If you study the Bible deeply you will discover that the Lord Jesus did not have only 12 disciples! But he had many other disciples. He had more than 70 who were following him, the Bible says so (Luke 10: 1-2)... But later on he came to appoint only 12 of them to go with him wherever he went.

Now if you keep a close eye on it, you will notice that the Lord Jesus first chose many of His disciples in the first stage, including those 12 apostles, so suppose there was a group of about 80 chosen by the Lord, to do the work of the ministry ... he went from place to place calling each of them out of the world, he went one place and met the fisherman Peter he called him, the other way he met the housekeeper and called him, the other way he met Matthew the tax collector and called him ... others probably weren't busy just finding them around the street and called them, until a group of about 80 is finished ... And all those who were called were equal in the sight of the Lord Jesus, no one was greater than the other, and they all told to forsake all and follow him. See? A large group of disciples was called....

Now the second step followed a short time later, perhaps months later, when the Lord again separated the 12 disciples from among that large group of his disciples ... take note those 12, they were not chosen directly from the world, no! but from the group of other disciples he was

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with ... That was the second selection, the same day that the Lord Jesus went out to watch in prayer, that was the day God revealed to him the 12 apostles among that group ...

Luke 6:12-17 (KJV)

12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

15 Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes,

16 And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

The 12 apostles were chosen from among the multitude of disciples ...

now these 12 were not chosen because of any effort they had, or because of their holiness, or because they were more liberal than others, or because in the sight of God they themselves seemed to be something ... No, they were chosen by grace only... The word 'grace' is almost identical to the word 'lucky'... but not lucky in such ... Grace is more than lucky, lucky sometimes falls on the person who deserves it, but Grace is always for someone who does not deserve, these 12 nominees in the second round received the GRACE and not the LUCKY. They were not worthy to be chosen but they were chosen ...

Same to others who were not chosen, was not because they were evil or because they were so holy, no! it's just God's choice! That it! So it was His pleasure to choose those and the others to leave them, we cannot explain it how and we cannot ask God why. It is for his pleasure of choice (Read Romans 9: 13-25).

Now at this second stage, is when this word is fulfilling "Many are called, but few are chosen".

But still the selection went on, because even among the 12 nominees, it's still possible to lose ... Not just because! You have been called the Chosen One and this is the ticket to say I am saved...

The Bible tells us that even “the elect can be deceived”.

Matthew 24:23-27 (KJV)

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Judas was one of the 12, but he was deceived and lost! ... and then the Bible warns us that in the last days false Christians will appear, they

will give signs and wonders so that to deceive even the elect.

The time that we are living in now, the elect mentioned there are all those whom the Lord has called out of the world, and has chosen them among the called. and give them the grace to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven as you read here ... Remember, not all the things the Lord Jesus was saying to the crowds, many of his secrets he was only revealing to the 12 apostles he chose ... the rest he was teaching them by parables ...

Matthew 13:10-11 (KJV)

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

When you receive the grace to hear the gospel anywhere, you also get to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven that others do not see or

find, and there is something inside you that bears witness what you are hearing is true... know that you are the chosen one, but in these last days many will be deceived just like Judas who ended up betraying the Lord Jesus ... Judas was completely convinced in his heart to believe the Lord Jesus in the early stages of his call, he had a revelation that Jesus is the Messiah foretold, and he also went farther to enter the cost of leaving everything for the sake of Jesus, because there is nobody who would follow Jesus without giving up everything and deny himself, Judas did all of that, he answered the call accordingly ... but it came about when he began to fall in love with the things of the world, he began to steal little by little, he began to love the world a little bit, But Lord did not drive him out, but left him walk with him to the end, and his anointing did not ceased, and he continued to cast out demons and pray for the people as usual and receive healing, but in the end it was so bad, he hung up himself(Acts 1: 16-20).

And even today, you as a christian has heard the gospel and decided to follow Jesus from the heart, that is when the Lord called you to the truth and chose you to be closer to Him Above all, you gave up everything and followed Him ... but the time has come when you have ignored the Word, rotten in, robbed the Lord, been a son of the world, while you are walking with Jesus, remember that the Lord will not drive you away, will not spare you, will continue to walk with you as he walked with Judah,

will show no signs of contempt or disgrace, will not take away your miracles, but will end up like Judah! fulfilling the Scripture, Judas was chosen but the Lord said to him, it was better for such person would have not born, than to endup that way! ... imagine one appointed by God himself was told those words ?.

Brethern, we are living in the last days, the bible says.

2 Peter 1:10 (KJV)

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Strengthen your calling as the choosen. It's time to turn to the Lord without one foot out neither one foot inside, before the time of rupture has passed.

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