**Twelve With Him …**

Mark 3:14

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**Introduction**

 This is a piece of steel.

 Steel is not just a hunk of iron, it is an alloy of iron, w careful amts of carbon

 There are lots of different alloys of steel

 Steel is the work horse material since the industrial revolution began~1760

 If you cut a piece of steel and mount it in epoxy and polish it w diamond grit

 Then you etched it, you would see that steel has a grain structure

 Changing the grain structure of the steel, changes the properties of the steel

 Two primary ways to change the grain structure are: with work and with heat

 *With* work you can change the shape of the steel and strength

 With heat you can change the strength, hardness and crystalline structure With different processes the properties of the piece of steel change

 Jesus chose 12 men. Being *with* Jesus is a life changing event that changes them inside

 Mk314says: Thn He appted 12, tht they might B with Him and tht He might snd thm out 2prch

 Being with Jesus the 12 men would have different processes happen to them

 Today is Fathers Day, look at what it means for men to be with Jesus

 Being with Jesus still changes men today

**I.** Twelve With **Him** …

 A. My beloved Son – Mt 3:17

 B. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God Mt 16:16

 C. the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world J1:29

 D. the Messiah who is called Christ J4:25

 E. the bread which came down from heaven J6:41

 F. the light of the world J8:12

 G. the resurrection and the life J11:25

 H. the way the truth and the life J14:6

**II. Twelve** With Him …

 A. The Twelve

 16 Simon, to whom He gave the name Peter;

17James the *son* of Zebedee and John the brother of James,

18Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus,

Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite;

19and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

 B. Good qualities of the twelve

 1. followed when Jesus said ‘Follow Me’, left all Mt 4:19-20

 2. stayed with Him when others left, loyal J6:68-69

 3. teachable Lk11:1

 C. Bad qualities of the twelve

 1. temper, anger Lk9:54

 2. prejudice J4:9

 3. speak before thinking, being impulsive Lk22:33 J18:10

 4. slow to understand J14:8-9

 5. doubt, unbelief J20:24-29

 6. fearful Mt14:27,30

 7. silence - at least 3 of the 12 have no recorded word in the Scripture

 James son of Alphaeus, Lebbaeus/Thaddeus, Simon the Cananite

 8. bad memory’s Mt16:9-11

**III.** Twelve **With** Him …

 A. With Him comes teaching [content] Mt5:2 and training [life skills] Mt10:5ff

 A. With Him may come persecution Mt5:11

 B. With Him comes a whole new set of priorities Mt 8:18-22

 C. With Him comes tests in every day life Mt 8:23-26

D. With Him comes a new paradigm Mt9:17

 E. With Him may come enemies, opposition, rejection Mt10:16-23

 F. With Him may come the same treatment He experienced Mt 10:24-26

 G. With Him may come the highest of highs Mt 17:4

 H. With Him may come the lowest of lows Mt 26:75

 I. With Him comes spiritual attack

 J. With Him comes personal attacks

 Though these and more come with Him, He never leaves you alone, He is with you thru

**IV.** Twelve With Him **…**

 Turned the world upside down [including Paul] Ac 17:6

 Became the foundation of the church E2:20

 Turned fearful men Mt26:56 into bold proclaimers of the faith Ac2:14ff

 Preached Jesus and the resurrection of the dead Ac4:2

 Became bold defenders of the faith and salvation only in Christ Ac4:8,12

 People saw that they had been with Jesus Ac4:13

 Must obey God over men Ac4:19 5:29

 Witnesses of the things that happened while being with Jesus Ac5:32

 Rejoiced they had been counted worthy to suffer for the name of Christ Ac5:41

 Carried the gospel across racial lines and broke racial barriers Ac 10:34

 Martyred for their faith Ac 12:2

 Born again to a living hope 1Pt1:3

 Followed in the steps of Jesus and suffered for Him 1Pt2:21

 Rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ 1 Pt4:13

 Never forgot that they were with Him and heard God speak 2Pt2:16-18

 Looked forward to the new heavens and new earth 2Pt3:13

 Handled, saw and bore witness and wrote of Jesus Christ so others have joy 1J1:2-4

 Became messengers of love 1J3:11, 4:7-8

 Lived as though the time of Jesus return was near Rv1:3