



Third Sunday of Epiphany

“Chosen”

Matthew 4:12-23

When God is with us, we know we are chosen

Its the Season of Epiphany—Meaning and Purpose

Epiphany - “inspired realization”

You feel it in your bones, you know it changes everything.

Being a follower of Christ is more than just Christmas and Easter

It’s about following when it’s not so easy... and God-With-Us helps us do that.

Today we’re going to be exploring what it means to be chosen by God

Do we really believe that we are special? How do we measure that?

Even when we’re told we’re special—do we really believe it?

Our passage of Scripture today focuses on the calling Jesus’ disciples

And two of the most transformative words in the Gospels: Follow Me

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- *The setting—The “Evangelical Triangle” home to fishing villages*
- *The Greek word for what happened: eutheos - irresistible authority.*
- *Some facts about the disciples themselves—not the sharpest tools*
- *It’s almost like they’d been waiting their whole lives to be chosen*
- *And then they began to witness some amazing things—right way*

If Jesus’ own disciples were chosen, why is it so hard for us to believe that He would choose us?

How Do We Know We Are Chosen?

- *Because every evidence we have in Scripture and Tradition tells us so.*
- *Because we are created in the image of a God who is with us.*
- *Because our stories prove it, even when we forget them.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

The Word Made Flesh: A Theology of the Incarnation

Ian A. McFarland

Christ The Heart of Creation

Rowan Williams

The Universal Christ: Another Name for Everything

Richard Rohr

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