

July 15, 2018 Mark 6:7-13 & Amos 7: 12-15

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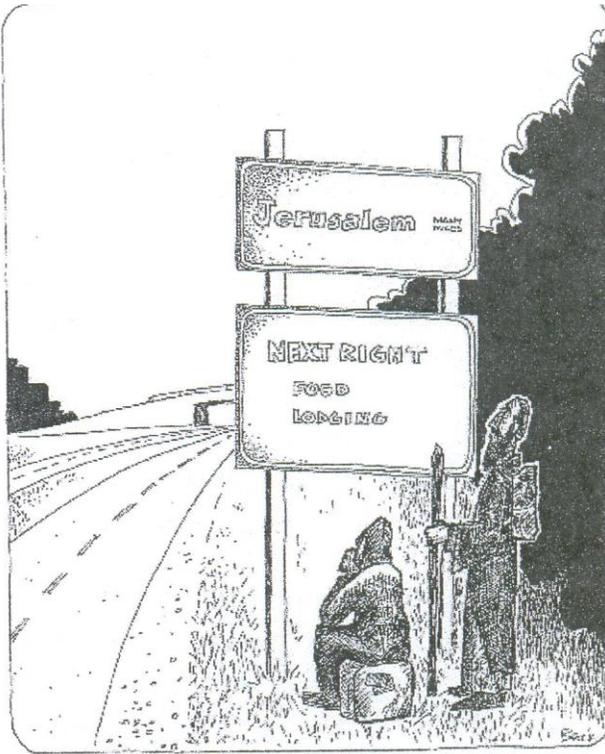
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ENTERING THE SCENE:

In these days of trails and treadmills; walking is totally different. We buy good walking shoes; wear clothing that is designed for comfort and style. That is a far different activity than in Jesus' day. Walking meant discomfort and often danger. You wanted to dress in a way that advertised that you had nothing of value to steal so as to deter robbers. Beggars had bags so as to carry with them anything they might have been given to tide them over in case no one gave them anything the next day. Jesus' instructions sent out the disciples as safely as he could, but without any sense of self sufficiency. He knew from experience that would be the only way that they would open themselves to whatever the Spirit wanted them to receive. We come to the text today hopefully with this same openness.

Mark 6: 7-13

7 Calling the **Twelve** to him, he **sent** them out **two** by **two** and gave them **authority** over **evil spirits**. 8 These were his **instructions**: "Take **nothing**

for the **journey** except a **staff**--no **bread**, no **bag**, no **money** in your belts. 9 Wear **sandals** but not an **extra tunic**. 10 Whenever you **enter** a house, **stay** there until you leave that town. 11 And if any place will not **welcome** you or **listen** to you, **shake** the dust off your feet when you **leave**, as a testimony against them." 12 They went out and **preached** that people should **repent**. 13 They drove out many **demons** and **anointed** many sick people with **oil** and healed them.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Who would you hope to be teamed with as you witness to the God of Jesus? Why did you choose that person?

PRAYER: Travel guide Jesus, you ask me to trust your instructions as I walk through the days of my life. You often send me out with nothing but the clothes on my "spiritual back". If I am open and trusting enough, you also send me to places and people who welcome me and nourish me. Thank you for all those persons you give me to companion me along the way. Amen.