Jesus And The Twelve Apostles

Mark 6:7-13 "The Sent Ones"

Intro. A. God sent His Son to "His own".
   1. John 1:11
   2. He was sent to His own kind, the Jews.

B. Thus far the writer has revealed those who have been most involved in this endeavor:
   1. First, there is John the Baptist.
   2. Secondly, the ministry of Jesus.
   3. Jesus selected twelve to represent Him.
   4. Also, there are His disciples.

C. In these verses we see Him engaging the Apostles in direct contact with the people of Judea.
   1. This is to fill in the gaps.
   2. It is to reach the masses.

I. The Sending Forth Of The Twelve.

A. How Jesus sent them forth.
   vs. 7a 11. "Apostle" = ἀπόστολος = sent forth, one sent, messenger, ambassador, envoy, from, ἀποστέλλω = to send off or send away from. This is a transliteration.
   12. He sent them forth two by two. This had a number of advantages. They needed one another because of rejection. Also this was their first attempt on their own. They had been learners, now they would be teachers. This would set checks on their enthusiasm.
   vs. 7b 13. He sent them forth with power, "...and gave them power over unclean spirits..."
God will Judge those who refuse to hear. ②
Vs. 11b. ① "tolerable" = bearable, endurable, more bearable.
② These two cities were totally destroyed.
③ "...in the day of Judgment".

III. The Work of The Apostles

A. The message they preached.
Vs. 12 ① "And they went out..."
② "...and preached that men should repent".

B. The credentials they offered.
① "And they cast out many devils..."
② "...and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them".