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Jesus “called to him those he wanted.” The Greek is more emphatic; the sense is that he summoned those whom he willed. Jesus determines the call. Disciples do not decide to follow Jesus and do him a favor in so doing.



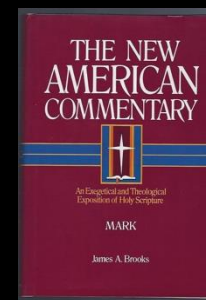
James R. Edwards, *The Gospel according to Mark, The Pillar New Testament Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: Eerdmans; Apollos, 2002), 111.

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The last part of v. 14 and the first part of v. 15 indicate the two purposes of Jesus' summons: that they might be with Jesus (one of the most important elements in being a disciple) and that they might be sent on a mission to proclaim the advent of the kingdom of God and demonstrate it by exorcising demons (cf. 6:7–12).



James A. Brooks, Mark, vol. 23, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1991), 71–72.

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In every respect the new community is Jesus' doing. The NIV says, "He appointed Twelve," but the Greek says, "he *made* Twelve." To appoint is to select from an existing lot and raise to a new status, but to make means to bring into existence...Discipleship does not consist in what disciples can do for Christ, but in what Christ can *make* of disciples.





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Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 1:6-8

6 So when they had come together, they asked him,
"Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or
seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come
upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and
in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

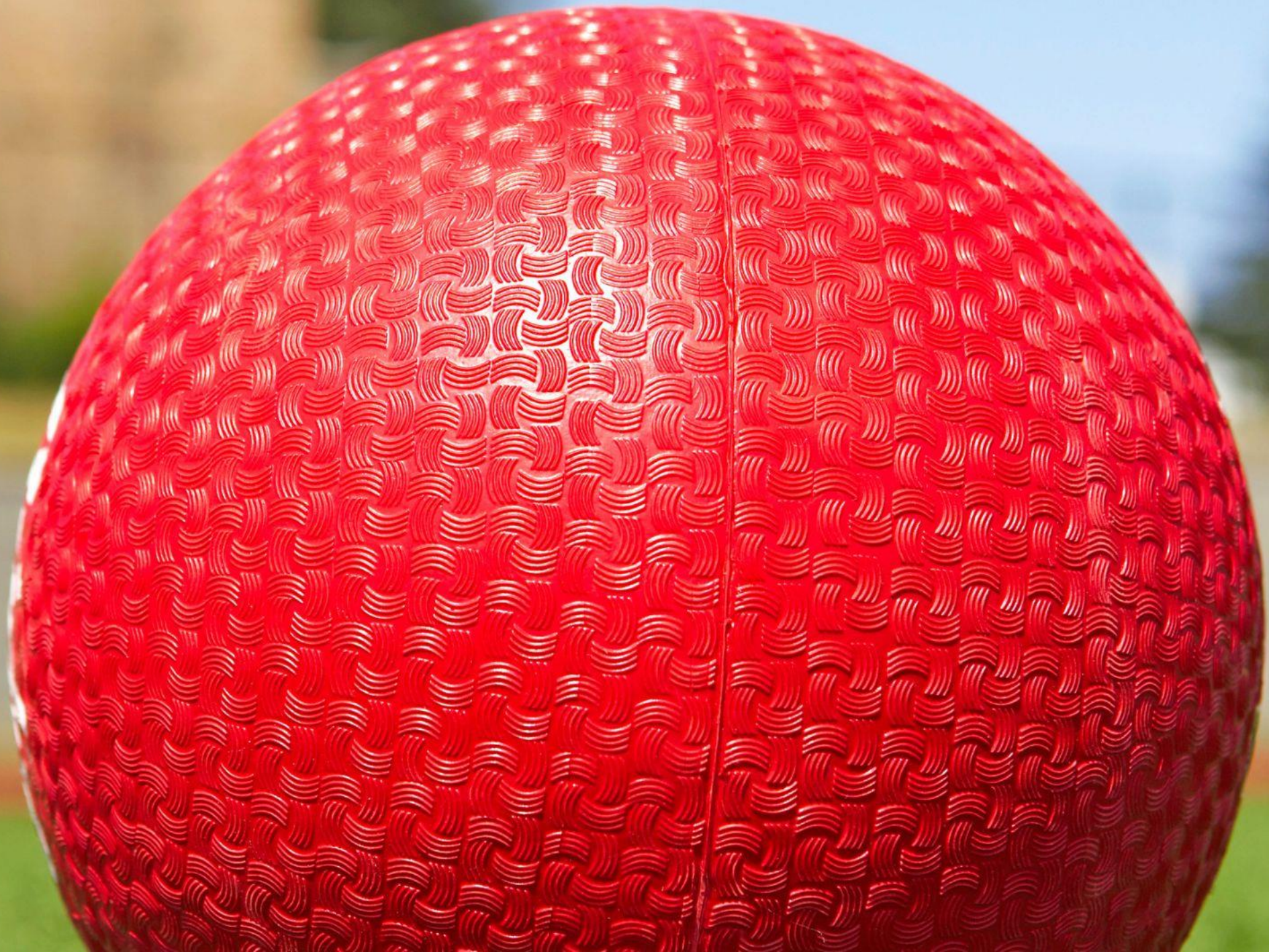


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Of course, Jesus had a further purpose for the disciples—to send them out to preach and minister. Any time Jesus says, “Come to Me,” as soon as we come, the “come” becomes “go.” When we come to Him, He gives us a mission. We are to go into the world and make disciples. As we carry out that mission, He is with us.



Excerpt From Mark, R. C. Sproul



Ephesians 3:7-12

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,

Ephesians 3:7-12

10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.



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"God could never use me"

1 Timothy 1:12-17

12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

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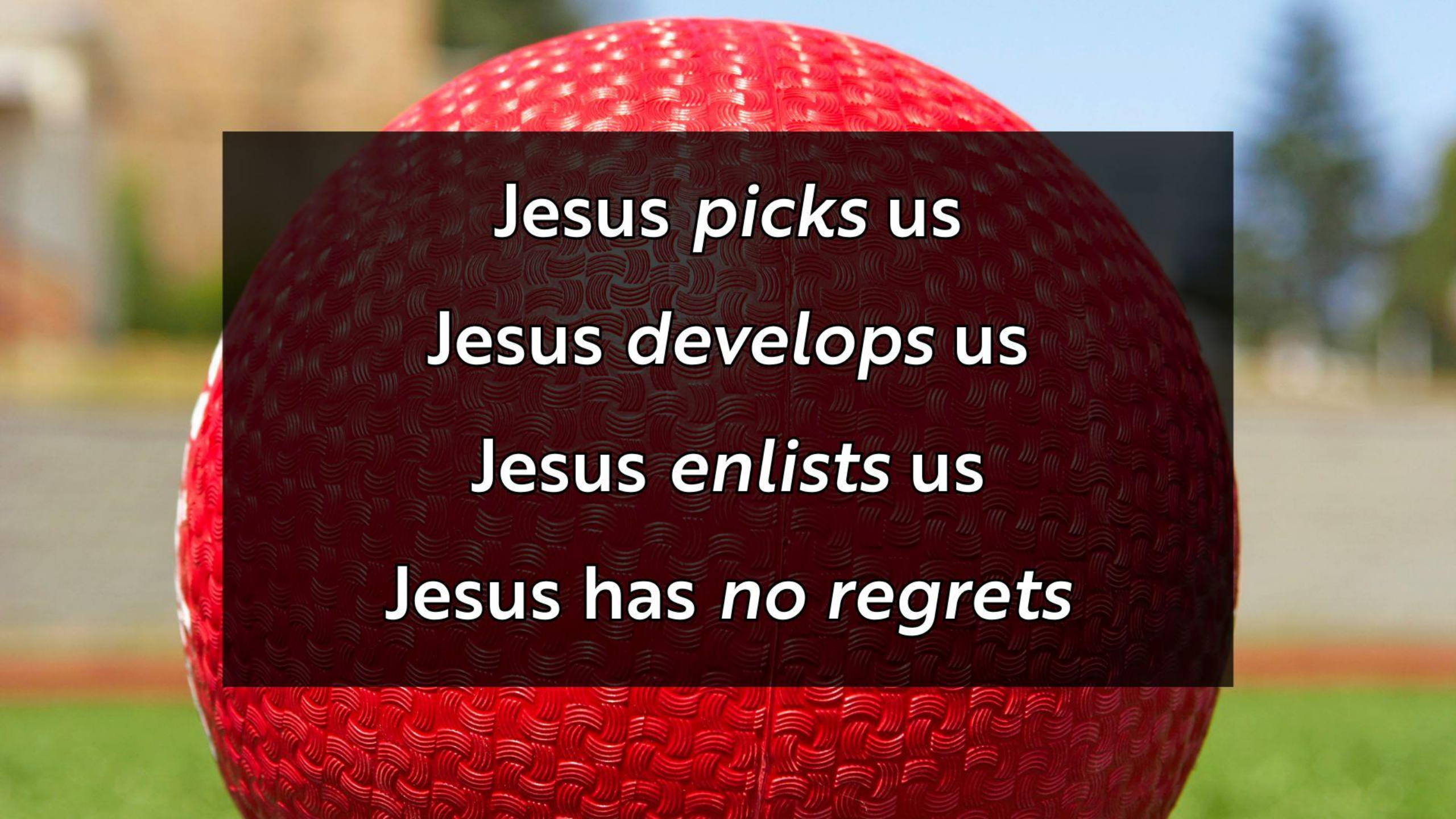
15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

John 16:7

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

A close-up photograph of a red baseball, showing its characteristic raised, curved stitching. A semi-transparent dark red rectangular box is centered over the ball, containing four lines of white text. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font, with the words 'picks', 'develops', 'enlists', and 'no' in italics.

Jesus *picks* us
Jesus *develops* us
Jesus *enlists* us
Jesus has *no* regrets

Love Unknown

My song is love unknown

My Savior's love to me

Love to the loveless shown

That they might lovely be





Another Mountain...

13 And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him.

So they took Jesus, 17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him (John 19)

Gospel Response

Start:

Be united to Christ through faith today. Enter into a greater story than you could write.

Strengthen:

What might it look like for you to “throw yourself down the hill” after King Jesus?