

Doctrine of Jesus

His Disciples

Ordinary people used for an extraordinary mission

Peter	Philip	James (brother of Alphaeus)
Andrew	Nathaniel	Simon
James	Thomas	Judas (son of James)
John	Mathew	Judas Iscariot

The names of the disciples are listed in 4 different books in the order of their intimacy with Christ.

Mathew 10:2-4

1. Peter, Andrew, James, John
2. Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Mathew
3. James, Lebbaeus, Simon, Judas Iscariot

Mark3:16-19

1. Peter, James, John, Andrew
2. Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas
3. James, Thaddeus, Simon, Judas Iscariot

Luke 6:14-16

1. Peter, Andrew, James, John
2. Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas
3. James, Simon, Judas, Judas Iscariot

Acts 1:13

1. Peter, James, John, Andrew
2. Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Mathew
3. James, Simon, Judas

Home town:

All twelve of the apostles were from Galilee except Judas

Careers:

- Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fisherman
- Mathew tax collector
- Simon Zealot

Brothers:

Andrew and Peter
James and John
Mathew and James (son of Alphaeus)

Deaths:

Peter: Crucified upside-down
Andrew: Crucified
James: Beheaded
John: Old age
Philip: Crucified
Bartholomew: Crucified
Thomas: Stabbed by a spear
Mathew: Killed by a sword
James: Crucified
Judas: Killed by arrows
Simon: Crucified
Judas Iscariot: Suicide (hung himself)

1. The most amazing thing about the _____ is that Jesus _____ them in the first place.
2. The _____ were very _____ and remarkably unremarkable.
3. Disciples are _____ not _____.

Thomas Watson: Weeds grow of themselves; flowers are planted.

4. Before the disciples were _____ out to _____ they would have to be _____ in to be with Jesus.

Thomas Watson: Godliness is the sacred impression and workmanship of God in a man.

5. The transformation of the _____ was solely the work of the _____.

Isaiah 64:8

We are the clay, and you our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand.

6. God wants to work with _____, not _____.
7. A dozen men under the _____ of the _____ are a stronger force than a _____ of people.

Zechariah 4:6

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,” says the Lord.

John 16:7

But 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.

NOTES:

- Jesus came to earth to give mankind an opportunity to be saved. God wanted this salvation message to be carried out through the generations so He built the church.
- Jesus built the church by selecting twelve individuals to train and grow close to. In the first couple chapters of each Gospel you see Jesus selecting these individuals.
- During this selection process Jesus avoided the educated and experienced (the religious individuals in the temple). He then sought after the loyal, strong, humble, and dedicated (dirty old fisherman).
- I believe that these were the characteristics that he was looking for because he did not want talent to run His church; He wanted the Holy Spirit to run His church.
- John 15:5 says, "Apart from me you can do nothing."
- Then Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Quote from Tozer: Much of the religious activity we see in the churches is not the eternal working of the Eternal Spirit, but the mortal working of man's mortal mind; and that is a raw tragedy!

- For most Christians, when it comes to discovering our part in the work of God's kingdom, the question we ask is self-centered: "What can I do for God?"
- The question we should be asking is God-centered: "What does God want to do through me? What is His particular assignment for me?"

8. Only one thing is involved in taking the _____ and making it
extraordinary: a man and an Almighty _____ in a covenant _____.

Acts 4:13

Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.