



I. Review

The identity of the disciples

"He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness." Matthew 10:1

*"These are the names of the twelve **apostles**: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him." Matthew 10:2-4*

Verse 1 - Chosen to be TRAINED.

Verse 2 - Chosen to be SENT.

Peter is always mentioned first

Three groups of four members:

- Group 1 – Peter, Andrew, James and John
- Group 2 – Philip, Bartholomew (or Nathaniel), Thomas and Matthew
- Group 3 – James, Thaddeus, Simon the zealot, Judas Iscariot

Each group contains **DECREASING** amount of information

Each group listed in decreasing **INTIMACY** to Jesus

What kind of people does God use? What kind of people does God look for to change the world? These men are in that elite group of twelve – let's look at them a little more closely.

PETER - Jesus used strong, dynamic, bold leader.

ANDREW - Jesus used a humble gentle inconspicuous quiet person.

JAMES - Zealous, passionate, uncompromising, task oriented

JOHN - Sensitive, loving, believing, intimate truth seeking

PHILIP - Challenged with the area of Faith. Was more practical and demanding of evidence.

NATHANAEL - A strong belief system – but battled prejudice

THOMAS - Tender hearted, moody pessimist

MATTHEW - Genuinely humble individual – who understood his sinful condition – just glad to be a part of the team.

II. **JAMES**

1. Inferred Characteristics

"Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome." Mark 15:40

- a. His **STATURE**
- b. His **AGE**
- c. His **INFLUENCE**

2. His **INVISIBILITY**

Reference: Hebrews 11:38

3. His **IMPLIED** family

- a. His **BROTHER**

"As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him." Mark 2:14

- b. His **COUSIN**

"Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene." John 19:25

III. **THADDAEUS**

1. The **SIGNIFICANCE** of his name

- a. His **GIVEN** name

"Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;" Matthew 10:3

- b. His **NICKNAME**
 - 1. **THADDAEUS**
 - 2. **LEBBAEUS**
- 2. His appearance in **SCRIPTURE**

"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me." John 14:21-24

- a. The **TEACHING**

"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." John 14:21

- b. The **CONFUSION**

"Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" John 14:22

- 1) His view of the **KINGDOM**
- 2) The **CLARIFICATION**

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IV. **SIMON** the Zealot

"Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him." Matthew 10:4

"Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him." Matthew 10:4, KJV

- 1. His **PROPER** title
- 2. His **POLITICAL** background
- 3. His **PARTNER** in ministry