

## The Twelve

### Matthew 10:2-4

**2** Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother;

**3** Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

**4** Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

Apostles = those sent forth

The twelve apostles are named:

1. Simon, who is called Peter
2. Andrew (Simons brother)
3. James (Brother of John)
4. John (Brother of James)
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew
9. James (son of Alpheus)
10. Jude (Thaddeus)
11. Simon
12. Judas Iscariot

### Signs of an Apostle

- Chosen directly by the Lord himself or by the Holy Spirit (Barnabas)
- Endued w\ signs, gifts, miracles, powers,

## **Qualification of an Apostle**

- Indispensable qualification that an apostle should have been a eyewitness to the resurrection.

### **Acts 1:22**

**22** Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection..

### **I Corinthians 9:24**

**24** Am I not an apostle? Am I not free have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are ye not my work in the Lord.

## **They Were Invested With The Holy Spirit**

### **Acts 2: 1-4**

**1**And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

**2**And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

**3**And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

**4**And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

## **Disciples Given Power To Cast Out Demons And Heal The Sick**

### **Matthew 10:1**

**1** And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

### **Mark 16: 17,18,**

**17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

**18** They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

### **Acts 5:15,16**

**15** Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by night overshadow some of them.

**16** There came also a multitude out of the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed everyone.

### **Acts 16:16-18**

**16** And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

soothsaying = fortune telling

**17** The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

Cried = the demon inside her, kept crying.

Not necessarily a testament to the true. See **Luke 4:34** where a demon testifies to the Lord to discredit him.

**18** And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

### **Acts 28: 8,9,**

**8** And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

**9** So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

**Their relation to the Kingdom was that of heralds, announcing to Israel only the Kingdom is at hand.**

### **Matthew 10:5,6**

**5** These 12 Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

Go not = go not abroad: i.e. not from the land.

**6** But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

## Matthew 19:28

- Their future relation to the Kingdom will be that of judges over the 12 tribes.

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel.

Regeneration = re-creation, making new.

- Upon rejection of the Kingdom, and the revelation of the mystery hid in God, the church and the apostolic office, were invested with the baptism of the Holy Spirit . **(Acts 2: 1-4)** and of imparting the spirit to Jewish-Christian believers, preaching salvation through a crucified and risen Lord to Jew and Gentile alike.

### Simon Peter:

Simon and his brother Andrew were partners in a fishing business. Introduced to Jesus by Andrew. Jesus names him Peter meaning “rock”

Leader and spokesman for the other twelve.

Denied Jesus in a moment of weakness. He supervised missionary efforts of the early church from the center of the Roman empire. He was martyred in Rome during the reign of Nero. **Crucified head downwards, at his own wish.**

### Andrew:

Brother of Simon Peter. A disciple of John the Baptists. He witnessed Jesus baptism. Became the first disciple of Jesus. Andrew means “manly”. **He preached the gospel and suffered martyrdom by crucifixion in Greece.**

### James:

Brother of John. He and his brother called into service while mending fishing nets in boat by the shore of the sea of Galilee.

Jesus names James and his brother John *Boanerges*, meaning “sons of thunder”

James is the only one of the twelve whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament. (Acts 12:1-2).

During the persecution of the church, Herod Agrippa I, king of Palestine had him beheaded. **He is probably the first of the twelve to be martyred.**

### John:

Brother of James. He and his brother called into service while mending fishing nets in boat by the shore of the sea of Galilee.

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John refers to himself in his gospel as “the disciple whom Jesus loved”

While Jesus lay dying on the cross at Calvary he committed Mary his mother to the care of John, the only one of the twelve present.

After Pentecost John worked closely with Peter in preaching Christ's message. **Said that he died peacefully in Ephesus about the year A.D. 100**

#### Philip:

Came from the same town as Peter and Andrew. Received his call to follow Jesus the day after Peter and Andrew received theirs.

Number of traditions state that he preached the gospel in Asia Minor and died at Heirapolis where he is buried; that he had three daughters; **that he was crucified under the emperor Domitian.**

#### Bartholomew:

Also known as Nathanael. When brought to Jesus by Philip Jesus describes him as "Israelite in whom there is no guile" Jesus knew him to be an utterly sincere man , completely dedicated to God.

#### Thomas:

His name in Aramaic and Hebrew means "twin". Particularly remembered for his doubt. Stated that he would not believe that Jesus had risen unless he saw and felt the wounds made by the nails and lance\spear. When invited by Jesus to makes the tests of which he had spoken he fell on his knees, and full of faith and sorrow for his doubt exclaimed "My Lord and my God"

Possible that he evangelized the Christians of St. Thomas in the Malabar coast area of India, as they claim he did. **Tradition holds that he was martyred, by spearing near Madras in A.D. 72.**

#### Matthew:

Matthew's probable original name was Levi and that he took or was given the name Matthew meaning "gift of Yahweh" when he became a follower of Jesus. He was a tax collector. Jews did not like tax collectors and Matthew was a social outcast. It is said that after making converts in Judea, Matthew went to evangelize the nations of the East.

**There is no certain information about his martyrdom.**

#### James: (Son of Alpheus):

Jesus appeared to him after the resurrection and he had charge of the Church in Jerusalem. James agreed with Paul that the new faith in Christ was for Gentiles as well as for Jews.

James was stoned to death on the orders of the high priest Ananus. His enemies set him on a pinnacle of the Temple and urged him to deny publicly that Jesus was Messiah. Instead James gave a rousing vindication of Christ. Furious, his enemies cast him from

the Temple. Finding that the fall had not killed him they began to stone him. **As James was being stoned he prayed for his persecutors. Eventually he was beaten to death with a club and was buried at the place where he died.**

Jude:

Also called Thaddeus. Probably to distinguish him from the traitor Judas. Western tradition holds that Jude preached the gospel in Mesopotamia, then joined the apostle Simon in Persia where he evangelized together, **made many converts and finally was martyred.**

Simon:

Called “the zealot” Probably given this title because he belonged to radical Jewish faction that opposed Roman rule in Palestine. After he gave his allegiance to Jesus he tempered his zeal with justice, charity, and prudence. **Some traditions hold that he died peacefully, others that he was martyred.**

Judas Iscariot:

The only Judean among the twelve-the others were Galileans. Betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces and silver. When Judas learned that Jesus was condemned he went to the chief priests and elders and cried to them that he had betrayed an innocent man. Judas threw down their bribe (30 pieces of silver) and went off and hanged himself.

**Mark 16: 15,16**

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned,

