

## PROFILE ON THE 12 DISCIPLES

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### Abstract

Jesus was a man who changed the world. In His quest to bring salvation to not only the Jews, but to the Gentiles, He chooses 12 obscure men to help him spread the “Gospel” or “Good News” to the world. We find this list of men in Matthew chapter 10 and Luke chapter 6, He calls each one of these men by name. Jesus trains them for three years; He opens up the Scriptures to them and sends them out to the world. As the 12 disciples go forth and tell the world about Jesus the Messiah, they are met with persecution, anger and hatred for a faith that they will give their lives for. Were these men special? What did Jesus see in them? As we search the Scriptures we will see that these men were filled with the Holy Spirit and filled power from on high to endure for the sake of the “Gospel” until their deaths.

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## CHAPTER I

### ”Peter, the little stone”

When people think of the disciples, they always think of Peter first. Jesus calls His first disciples in Matthew chapter 4:18 and we also find Jesus calling John and James the sons of Zebedee, who were all fishermen.

In the Gospels Simon’s name is changed to Peter, which means “little stone” (John 1:42). Peter is introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew. Peter witnessed many healings that Jesus had performed throughout his ministry; the lepers were cleansed, Peter’s mother-in-law was healed from her fever, the paralyzed would walk, the blind could see and deaf ears were opened.

Peter along with James and John witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain with Moses and Elijah. At this time, Jesus opened himself up and gave Peter a small glimpse of his glory. Matthew chapter 17 says that, “*God spoke and said this is my beloved son whom I am well pleased to hear him*”. The miracles that Jesus would perform were foretold in the Old Testament; this is how the disciples knew that Jesus was the Messiah. I often wonder what it would have been like to see actual miracle before my eyes!

Peter is called to be an evangelist in Mark 1:36 and he confesses Jesus to be the Messiah in Matthew 16:16. Peter is often criticized as being a man of little faith; all of the disciples at one time or another had little faith even though they had seen the miracles that Jesus had performed. Peter is the one who is used in the example of doubting, in Matthew 14:28. Peter gets out of the boat and walks on water but he sinks; I think it took great faith for him to get out of the boat! This is a beautiful picture of how we step out in faith, doubt for a moment, and the Lord reaches out to us and picks us up when we fall.

In the Gospel of John chapter 18 we see that Peter denies Jesus three times. Jesus and His disciples are in the garden just before the crucifixion the soldiers approached Jesus; Peter without thinking, cuts off the ear of one of the priest's servants. I think Peter always felt that he had to protect Jesus and when he didn't understand something he tended to be reactionary. There are many things that Jesus told the disciples that they didn't understand, even though he was living out the Scriptures right in front of them. After the resurrection of Jesus in John chapters 20 and 21, Jesus restores Peter asking him to "Feed His Sheep" three times. Peter is then filled with the Holy Spirit in the upper room and he is a changed man; not someone that is reactionary but someone that loves the lost. We find in Foxe's book of martyrs that Peter would be crucified in 64 A.D. and die for his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter was a missionary to Greece, Turkey in Rome where he was crucified upside down because he had told his captors that he was not worthy to be crucified in the same manner as his Lord and Savior (Foxe's Book of Martyrs).

Jesus had such a powerful impact on Peter's life that he wrote two books in the New Testament as instructions to believers past, present and future; books that were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

## CHAPTER 2

### ”Andrew, Peter’s Brother”

Andrew is Peter’s brother and he is credited with bringing Peter to Jesus. In the Gospel of John 1 Andrew tells his brother Peter, “We have found the Messiah.”

Andrew was a disciple and follower of John the Baptist before he followed Jesus; he is also known as the one that brought the boy with the five loaves and two fish to Jesus that would ultimately feed the 5000 people in John 6:14. Andrew, like Peter, was also a fisherman and he was a seeker of God’s truth. He listened to John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness.

Andrew and the rest of the disciples would have witnessed many miracles during Jesus’ ministry including the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Andrew’s life was so changed after he had seen Jesus raised life; he too was filled with the Holy Spirit while in the upper room and for the next 30 plus years and would be a disciple and apostle that would faithfully preach the gospel message until his death in 69 A.D. The Bible does not tell us about Andrew’s death but historical records show that Andrew faithfully preached in Greece. The government leaders had Andrew scourged and crucified in the shape of an X. Since that time of Andrew’s death, this type of cross is called “St. Andrews Cross.”

### CHAPTER 3

#### “James, the son of thunder”

James is known as one of the “sons of thunder” in Matthew chapter 4:21, he is the older brother of John and the son of his father Zebedee. James and John were fishermen. The Bible tells us in Mark chapter 1:19-22 that as they were called by Jesus and they dropped their nets to immediately follow Jesus. It was James, John and Peter who were at the Mount of transfiguration with Jesus, in Matthew 17:2-3. Jesus opened himself up and had shown these men a glimpse of his glory. Peter, James and John enjoyed a close relationship with Jesus. Jesus took Peter, James and John and with him as he raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead.

History tells us that James was the first disciple to suffer martyrdom for his faith and he was beheaded at the command of King Herod in 44 A.D (Acts12:2).

## CHAPTER 4

### “John, the other son of thunder”

John is the younger brother of James whom Jesus nicknamed “The sons of thunder,” in Mark Chapter 3:17. John’s name in the Hebrew is Jonas, which means “Jehovah is gracious.” John’s parents were Zebedee and Salome. He worked closely with his brother James as they were fishermen. John left his job as a fisherman to follow Jesus and became one of His disciples.

John wrote five books that are included in our modern-day Bible; the Gospel of John and three epistles or letters written to people in the church and the Book of Revelation. The Gospel of John supplies a large amount of unique information not recorded in the other Gospels. John often refers to himself as “The disciple whom Jesus loved” and he refers to Jesus as “The Christ, the son of God.” John’s Gospel centers on the miracles and the uniqueness of Jesus as being the God man. John 3:16 is probably the most quoted verse on the planet!

The Gospel of John is written in an easy to understand plain language. It is often given to new believers as the first book to read. John clearly draws lines between believing in the “name” and explaining who Jesus is; his humanity and deity.

It was the “Disciple whom Jesus loved” and Peter that found the empty tomb on that resurrection day. It was the “Disciple whom Jesus loved” that Jesus entrusted the care of his mother, just before he said “It is finished,” on the cross. It was the “Disciple whom Jesus loved” we see sitting next to Jesus every chance he could. It was John listening to the words of Jesus as he taught his disciples for three years. It was John who wrote down Jesus’ words in Chapter 15:13 “Greater love has no man than this; that he lay down his life for a friend.”

Like all of us John had a human side too. In Luke 9:54-56 the Samaritans did not welcome the disciples into their village, so John wanted to call fire down from heaven to destroy the village. Jesus rebukes them and reminded them they that He came to save, not to destroy.

Like the other disciples John had been persecuted his entire ministry. Later in his life, he was banished to the Island Patmos off the coast Greece for the sake of the Gospel. It was there John had visions from God and wrote the book of Revelation. John is also the only disciple that was not martyred; he dies of natural causes on the Island of Patmos.



## CHAPTER 5

### “Philip the evangelist”

Philip was from Bethsaida according to John chapter 1:44. It is Philip that went to Nathaniel and said, “*We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets had written about, it is Jesus the Nazarene, son of Joseph.*”

We do know that Philip was in the upper room in Acts Chapter 1:13 and received the Holy Spirit as did the other Apostles; which empowered him to preach the Gospel. The Bible does not tell us a great deal about Philip. Historical tradition tells us that Philip preached the gospel in Asia Minor, probably spending most of his time in the area called Phrygia. An early historian by the name of Eusebius called him “The Great Light of Asia.” Philip brought Nathaniel to the Savior and we can be sure that before his life was over he had brought many more people to Christ. Historical tradition tells us that Philip went to Asia minor and modern-day Turkey to preach the gospel

What historians know about the death of Philip is that he died the death of a Christian martyr around 54 A.D. He was stoned and then crucified.

*Wikipedia.org. (2008, May 23). The Twelve Apostles.*

## CHAPTER 6

### “Bartholomew AKA Nathaniel”

Bartholomew was led to Jesus in Galilee by Philip. Philip and Bartholomew are mentioned in Scripture together it is believed that Nathaniel could possibly be Bartholomew. Their names are listed in Matthew chapter 10:33, Mark Chapter 3:18, and Luke chapter 6:15. However, the names are not mentioned together in the Gospel of John 1:45, we find Philip and Nathaniel’s name mentioned together. One theory proposed by historians is that Bartholomew would drop the name “Nathaniel” out of preference.

Not much is known about and Bartholomew. What we do know is that history tells us he went to India, Armenia and Azerbaijan to preach the gospel. Church tradition tells us that Bartholomew was perhaps the first apostle have the Gospel of Matthew in written form.

Historically we know that Bartholomew was a man of prayer and that he too died a martyr’s death by crucifixion in the year 68 A.D. Bartholomew’s crime and punishment cost him his life, in that he ministered to the wife of the Roman proconsul and she received Jesus as her Lord and Savior and became a Christian. *Wikipedia.org. (2008, May 23). The Twelve Apostles. Message posted to [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve\\_Apostles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Apostles)*

## CHAPTER 7

### “Thomas the twin”

Thomas was a native of Galilee and was sometimes called Didymus; which is the Greek equivalent. Jesus called him to be an apostle. John chapter 14:5 says Jesus is teaching his apostles and a question comes up in the conversation. They do not seem to understand what Jesus is telling them, Thomas is the only one that speaks up and asks questions.

Thomas is also known as the doubter; as the disciples see Jesus die on the cross it must have seemed impossible that Jesus would come back from the dead. Jesus appears to the disciples while they are hiding; Thomas is not with them at this time. The disciples are excited and they tell Thomas that they have seen the risen Lord. Thomas does not believe, in fact he says that unless he can put his finger in Jesus' nail prints and his hand in Jesus' the side he will not believe. The second time Jesus appears while Thomas is in the room and Thomas calls Jesus, “My Lord and my God.”

As Thomas has witnessed another miracle his life was changed forever, he is also in the upper room when the disciples received power in the Holy Spirit. Early tradition tells us that Thomas died a martyr's death. He preached the gospel in the Middle East, Persia and parts of India. Christian sources tell us that Thomas was killed by being pierced with a spear around 53 A.D. <http://www.britannica.com/eb/article-9072158/Saint-Thomas>

## CHAPTER 8

### “Matthew AKA Levi the tax collector”

Matthew son of Alphaeus whose' surnamed is Levi in Mark Chapter 2:14. Matthew's occupation was a tax collector for the Roman government. Tax collectors were disliked; especially Matthew, since he was a Jew. Tax collectors were known for stealing and unfair dealings in their business. *In Luke Chapter 5:29 Matthew throws a feast; Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. 30 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" 31 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."*

Matthew knew he was a sinner. He had betrayed his people and his God by working for those who were oppressing the Jews. He knew that he needed to repent. Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit offered forgiveness to this sinner. No one deserves forgiveness but Jesus offers it freely. Matthew being convicted in his Spirit he turns to the Messiah and from that day forward his life is never the same. He writes down his accounts of Jesus' ministry to a mainly Jewish audience in the Gospel of Matthew found in the New Testament. The Gospel of Matthew uses many Old Testament prophecies that foretell of the coming Messiah and how Jesus fulfilled his prophecies.

Matthew's ministry starts in Jerusalem, then takes him to Egypt and various parts of Africa. Matthew dies a martyr's death as he is run through with a spear, the year is 60 A.D.

## CHAPTER 9

### “James the Less or younger”

“James the less” was called by Jesus to be a disciple. His father was Alpheus and he has been singled out as “James the less,” which means small in size or younger in age to distinguish him from the apostle James (John’s brother) and James the half brother of Jesus who authored the Book of James in the New Testament (Matthew 13:55). Some scholars believe that “James the less” was possibly Matthew's younger brother and perhaps a cousin to Jesus.

The Bible does not tell us much of what “James the less” did or much of what he said. We do know that he was chosen as one of “The Twelve.” We know from historical sources that James preached the gospel in Rome and parts of Egypt.

The disciple James also died a martyr's death. We are told by Foxe's book of martyrs that James was beaten with a club crucified and stoned. One source states that James was sawed in half. A carpenter's saw is the symbol associated with him in [Christian art](#) because it is also noted that his body was later sawed to pieces.

*([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James,\\_son\\_of\\_Alphaeus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James,_son_of_Alphaeus))*

## CHAPTER 10

### “Thaddaeus-Lebbaeus-Jude the Apostle”

Jude (or Judas) is a Christian saint identified as Jude and Thaddeus (in the New Testament. He is also called Lebbaeus, Thaddeus, or Judas Thaddeus. Though both bear the same first name in the Greek original New Testament, Jude should not be confused with Judas Iscariot, another disciple and later the betrayer of Jesus. Their name is a Greek variant of Judah and was common among Jews at the time.

Thaddeus was one of the twelve apostles in Matthew 10:3. He is called “Judas, the son of James” in Luke 6:16, John 14:22 and Acts 1:13. He is also referred to as the disciple with three names.

Early Church historians tell us that Jude-Thaddeus evangelized the city of the Edessa located in Armenia with Bartholomew. He spent several years evangelizing Syria and northern Persia. There are two accounts of his martyr's death; one account states that he was crucified in Lebanon in 65A.D. with Simon the Zealot. The other account says that he was beaten to death by pagan priests in Persia. ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jude\\_the\\_Apostle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jude_the_Apostle) & Wikipedia.org. (2008, May 23). The Twelve Apostles. Message posted to [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve\\_Apostles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Apostles))

## CHAPTER 11

### “Simon the Zealot or Canaanite”

Simon an apostle of Jesus is also known as Simon the Zealot in Luke 6:15.

Before Simon followed Jesus, he was part of a group called the “Zealots” that caused a political uprising in Jerusalem in protest to the Roman government and occupation of Jerusalem. Rome had established Jerusalem as a Roman province or city.

Simon believed that Jesus was the Messiah and that he would establish his kingdom over the Romans in Jerusalem during the disciple’s lifetime.

However, Jesus had to come take our sins by dying on the cross and being resurrected from the dead to pay the penalty for all of humanity; before His earthly kingdom could be established the scriptures had to be fulfilled.

According to early Church historians, Simon the Zealot proclaimed the Gospel in North Africa, Egypt and Britain. The date of his death is estimated to be around 74 A.D. There are two theories about his martyr's death; one was that he was crucified and the other is that he was sawn in two when he went Persia with Thaddeus-Labbaeus AKA Jude the Apostle.

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## CHAPTER 12

### “Judas Iscariot”

Judas Iscariot was called to be apostle by Jesus. Judas is the Greek form of Judah which means “Praise.” His surname Iscariot could have been the town he came from. We find that Judas is the son of Simon in John Chapter 6. For centuries past and millennium to come Judas will always be known as the one who betrayed Jesus the Messiah or “The son of Perdition”.

Although Judas was ordained to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers and preach the good news, he was more concerned with a moneybag. You could say that Judas was the first church treasurer. Jesus had entrusted Judas to handle the money. Later we will see that it is Judas that betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15-16). This was also the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy in Zechariah 11:13

During the Last Supper or the Jewish Passover, in John Chapter 13:26-27 Satan enters Judas and the betrayal begins. In Matthew chapter 26: 47 the Bible accounts the story of Jesus’ betrayal. Judas enters the garden at night with the chief priests and elders of the people and Judas identifies Jesus by betraying him with a kiss. (It is not uncommon in the Middle Eastern culture for one to show affection by kissing someone on the cheek.)

During Jesus’ trial, conviction and consequent crucifixion, Judas returns the 30 pieces of silver and says that he has betrayed innocent blood. Since the priests had used the 30 pieces of silver to “purchase” Jesus for death, they were unable to return the money to the Temple treasury. So upon hearing of Judas’ subsequent suicide by hanging himself, (Matthew chapter 27:3-10) the chief priest purchased a field with the 30 pieces of silver and it is called “The Field



of Blood” to this day. Judas was buried there, along with many foreigners that had no burial plots.

Conclusion:

Jesus called 12 ordinary men to follow Him. They were not educated; they were not men of wealth; they held no public office or title; they were not men of power or prestige; they were not priests and yet God used these 12 ordinary men. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and were obedient until death. They gave their life as a ransom for many because they knew who the Messiah was because they were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

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**Chapter 1**

Matt 10:1-4 *And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over  
unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.*

*2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: 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 tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. NKJV*

*Luke 6:12-16 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: 14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; 15 Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor. NKJ*

*Matthew chapter 4:18 says And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him. NKJV*

*John 1:42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A little Stone). NKJV*

*Matt 17:1-13 The Transfiguration of Christ Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out*

*of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*

*9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying,*

*"Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."*

*10 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" 11 Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. 12 But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist. NKJV*

*Mark 1:36-37 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. 37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." NKJV*

*Matt 16:16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

*Matt 14:28-32 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. NKJV*

John 18:17 *Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." NKJV*

John 18:24-27 *Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.*

*25 Peter Denies Twice More Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!" 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" 27 Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed. NKJV*

John 20:12-18 *And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." 14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her. NKJV*

John 21:14-17 *This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. 15 Jesus Restores Peter So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus*

*said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep NKJV*

## **Chapter 2**

*John 1:40-42 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone). NKJV*

*John 6:8-9 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"*

## **Chapter 3**

*Matt 4:21-22 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. NKJV*

*Mark 1:19-20 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. 20 And immediately*

*He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.*

*Matt 17:2-3 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.*

*Acts 12:1-2 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. 2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.*

#### **Chapter 4**

*Mark 3:17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder"; NKJV*

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. NKJV*

*John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. NKJV*

*Luke 9:54-56 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. 56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village. NKJV*

#### **Chapter 5**

*John 1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. NKJV*

*Acts 1:13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.*

## **Chapter 6**

John 1:45 *Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." NKJV*

Matt 10:33 *Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; KJV*

Mark 3:18 *Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. NIV*

Luke 6:15 *Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; NKJV*

## **Chapter 7**

John 14:5 *Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" NIV*

## **Chapter 8**

Mark 2:14 *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.*

## **Chapter 9**

Matt 13:55-56 *Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"NKJV*

## **Chapter 10**



Matt 10:3-4 *Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. NKJV*

Luke 6:16 *Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. NIV*

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

## **Chapter 11**

Luke 6:15 *Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot NIV*

## **Chapter 12**

John 6:71 *He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve. NKJV*

Matt 26:15-16 *and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. NKJV*

Zechariah 11:13 *And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"-the handsome price at which they priced me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD to the potter.*

John 13:26-27 *Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly. NKJV*

Matt 26:47 *And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.*

Matt 27:3-10 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" 5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." 7 And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, 10 and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me." NKJV