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The Twelve Apostles.

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THE DEFINITION OF AN APOSTLE

Apostle comes from the Greek words (apostello) (apostolos) and means a delegate or a messenger set apart, sent out or sent forth on a mission. It refers to an apostle with miraculous powers that is sent especially as commissioner of Christ and officially as an ambassador of the Gospel. To be an apostle a person had to have been with Jesus from his baptism by John until his death and also have witnessed his resurrection so they could personally testify of it (Acts 1:21-22) (Acts 4:33).

ANDREW

Andrew means, "Manly" (as an individual male) he was the son of Jona and brother of Simon Peter (Cephas), he was:

- He was a disciple of John the Baptist. (John 1:40).
- Found Peter (his brother) and brings him to Jesus. (John 1:40-42).
- Called to ministry. (Matt. 4:18) (Mark 1:16).
- His name appears in the list of the apostles. (Matt. 10:2) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:14).
- He asked Jesus privately about the destruction of the temple. ((Mark 13:3-4).
- Told Jesus of the Greeks who sought to see him. (John 12:20-22).
- Reported the number of loaves at the feeding of 5000. (John 6:8).
- Met with the disciples after the Lord's ascension. (Acts 1:13).
- Was an apostle and fisherman from Bethsaida. (Matthew 4:18) (John 1:44).

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BARTHOLOMEW (BARTHOLOMAIOS)

Bartholomew is thought to be Nathanael. (Matt. 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:14) (Acts 1:13).

JAMES

James the apostle was the son of Alphaeus. (Matt. 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:15) (Acts 1:13) (Acts 12:17). He was the brother of John and son of Zebedee and Salome (Matt. 4:21) (Matt. 27:56) and a fisherman of Bethsaida (Luke 5:10) (Peter, Andrew, and John were also from Bethsaida). Jesus gave James and John the name Boanerges (Sons of Thunder) (Mark 3:17) (Mark 15:40) (Mark 16:1). James was:

- A fishing business partner with John (his brother) and Peter. (Luke 5:10).
- An intimate companion of Jesus and called to be an apostle. (Matt. 4:21-22) (Matt. 10:2) (Matt. 1:19-20) (Luke 6:14) (Acts 1:13).

- Present when Jesus said cast nets on the right-side of the boat. (Luke 5:10).
- At the healing of Peter's mother-in-law. (Mark 1:29).
- At the raising of Jairus daughter. (Mark 5:37) (Luke 8:51).
- At the transfiguration of Jesus. (Matt. 17:1) (Mark 9:2) (Luke 9:28).
- In Gethsemane with Jesus. (Matt. 26:37) (Mark 14:33).
- Present when Jesus appeared after his resurrection. (John 21:2) (1 Corinthians 15:7).
- Herod had him killed by the sword. (Acts 12:2).
- Asked Jesus about his second coming. (Mark 13:3).
- Wanted to sit at Christ's right hand-side (Matthew 20:20-23) (Mark 10:35-41).

JOHN

John the apostle was the brother of James and the son of Zebedee and Salome. Jesus gave him the name Boanerges meaning the Sons of Thunder (Mark 3:17). He was intimately associated with Jesus (John 13:23-26) (John 21:20) and a fishing business partner with James (his brother) and Peter (Luke 5:10). He dwelt in Jerusalem (Acts 1:13) where the rulers of the Jews imprisoned him overnight (Acts 4:1-19). He was at the Temple when Peter healed a man in the Temple (Acts 3:1-11) and prepared the Passover (Matt. 26:18-19) (Mark 14:13-16) (Luke 22:8-13). He was entrusted with the care of Mary, mother of Jesus (John 19:26) and was a pillar of the church (Gal. 2:9). He was sent by the church with the commission to Samaria (Acts 8:14-17) and told he must prophecy to nations and kings (Rev. 10:11). John wrote letters to the churches (1 John) (2 John) (3 John) and the apocalyptic vision from Patmos (Rev 1:9).

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John was present when Jesus:

- Healed Peter's mother-in-law. (Matt. 8:14-15) (Mark 1:30-31) (Luke 4:38-39).
- Raised Jairus daughter. (Mark 5:37) (Luke 8:51).
- Told disciples to cast nets on the right side of boat. (Luke 5:10) (John 21:1-7).
- Was on the mountain of Transfiguration. (Matt. 17:1) (Mark 9:2) (Luke 9:28).
- Was in the garden of Gethsemane. (Matthew 26:37) (Mark 14:33) (Luke 22:39).
- Was on trial before the High Priest. (John 18:15-16).
- Was crucified and at the sepulcher. (John 19:26-27) (John 20:2-8).
- Appeared after the resurrection at the Sea of Galilee. (John 21:1-25).

JUDAS ISCARIOT

Judas Iscariot exemplified covetousness by his bargaining with the Pharisees to betray Jesus for money. (Matt. 26:14-16) (Mark 14:10-11), he was:

- Chosen as an apostle. (Matt. 10:4) (Mark 3:19) (Luke 6:16) (Acts 1:17).
- The treasurer of the disciples. (John 12:6) (John 13:29) (Luke 22:3-6) (Jn. 13:2).
- Fell to apostasy (John 17:12) and betrayed the Lord. (Matt 26:47-50) (Mark 14:43-45) (Luke 22:47-49) (John 18:2-5) (Acts 1:16-25).
- Returned the thirty pieces of silver to the Jews. (Matt. 27:3-10).
- Hanged himself. (Matt. 27:5) (Acts 1:18).

Prophecies concerning Judas.

(Psalm 41:9) (Psalm 109:8) (Zechariah 11:12-13) (Matthew 26:21-25) (Mark 14:18-21).

(Luke 22:21-23) (John 13:18-26) (John 17:12) (Acts 1:16) (Acts 1:20).

MATTHEW (MATTHAIOS)

Matthew the apostle was an Israelite called Levi.

He was a receiver of customs (taxes) who became a disciple of Jesus.

(Matt. 9:9-10) (Matt. 10:3) (Mark 2:14-15) (Mark 3:18).

(Luke 5:27-29) (Luke 6:15) (Acts 1:13).

PHILIP (PHILIPPOS) (PHILOS)

Philip means, "Dear like a friend or Friendly" he was called to be an apostle (Matt. 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:14) (John 1:43) (Acts 1:13) and one of the seven deacons (Acts 6:5), he:

- Successfully preached in Samaria (Acts 8:4-14).
- Taught Scriptures to Ethiopian eunuch whom he baptised (Acts 8:27-38).
- Caught away to Azotus, preached in cities, went to Caesarea (Acts 8:39-40).
- Abided at Caesarea and entertains Paul (Acts 21:8).
- Had four daughters who were prophetesses (Acts 21:9-10).
- Brought Nathanael to Jesus (John 1:45-50).
- Assisted in caring for multitudes who Jesus miraculously feeds (John 6:5-7).
- Brought certain Greeks to Jesus who desired to see him (John 12:20-22).
- Asked Jesus to show him God the Father (John 14:8-13).

SIMON

Simon the apostle is also called the Canaanite (Matt. 10:4) (Mark 3:18) and the Zealot (Luke 6:15).

SIMON PETER (CEPHAS).

Simon (also called Simon Bar-Jona and Cephas) Cephas (Kephass) means, "The Rock," and was Peter's surname. He was the son of Jona (Matt. 16:16-19) (Mark 3:16) (John 1:42) and a fishing business partner with James and John (the sons of Zebedee) (Luke 5:10). Peter (Petros) means a piece of rock it is larger than the Greek word lithos which means a stone. Figuratively it carries the idea of a stumbling stone. Peter was married, we know this because Scripture records Jesus healing his wife's mother (Matt. 8:14) (Mark 1:29-30) (Luke 4:38), he:

- Confessed Jesus as the Christ. (Matt. 16:16) (Mark 8:29) (John 11:27).
- Was present at the transfiguration.

(Matt. 17:1-5) (Mark 9:7) (Luke 9:35 2) (2 Peter 1:16-18).

- Was present at Gethsemane. (Matt. 26:36-37) (Mark 14:32-33).
- Was sent with John to prepare the Passover. (Luke 22:8).
- Was commissioned to feed flock of Christ. (John 21:15-17).

JOHN THADDAEUS

John Thaddaeus was also called Lebbaeus, his surname was Judas and Thaddaeus. (Matt 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:16) (John 14:22).

THOMAS

Thomas the apostle (Matt. 10:3); (Matt. 3:18) (Luke 6:15) was a twin called Didymus and his father was Alphaeus. he was loyal to Jesus (John 11:16); (John 20:28) and dwelt with the other apostles in Jerusalem (Acts 1:13-14), he:

- Was present at the raising of Lazarus. (John 11:16).
- Asked Jesus the way to the Father's house. (John 14:5).
- Was absent when Jesus first appeared after the resurrection. (John 20:24).
- Was skeptical when he saw the risen Christ. (John 20:25).
- Saw Jesus after the resurrection. (John 20:26-29) (John 21:1-2).

SUPER APOSTLES

Paul talks of super apostles (2 Cor. 11:5) who are deceitful, egotistic, prideful conniving, cunning, malicious and full of selfish ambition they boast of their own human efforts and achievements, disguise themselves as apostles of Christ, but undermine the Gospel message and take advantage of their followers by using them for their own gain. They put on airs because they think they are important and famous. They exalt and disguise themselves as honest, caring, truthful and a nice person (i.e., as an angel of light), but lead their followers astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ by teaching a distorted Gospel that leads their converts away from grace and brings them back to self-effort and works to be saved or to maintain their salvation. They proclaim a different Gospel

another Jesus and people under their ministry receive another spirit and embrace it eagerly (2 Cor. 11:4). Timothy warns that the prophetic Spirit says, "In the latter times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons (1 Tim. 4:1). Those teaching such a Gospel can be pastors, ministers or religious leaders of a Christian institution or organisation, Scripture calls them Satan's and serpents (2 Cor. 11:2-20).

TESTS FOR A DISCIPLE

The following are three tests for a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ:

1. They deny themselves and take up their cross daily. (Luke 9:57-62).
2. They seek the Kingdom of God first and give Jesus first priority. (Luke 9:59-60).
3. They do not to look back. (Luke 9:61-62).

JESUS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

The following verses show that after Jesus was born Mary and Joseph gave birth to sons and daughters. Jesus brothers were:

- **James:** (Matt. 13:55) (Matt. 27:56) (Mark 6:3) (Luke 24:10) (Gal. 1:19) (Gal. 2:9, 12).
- **Joses:** (Matt. 13:55) (Matt. 27:56) (Mark 6:3) (Mark 15:40) (Mark 15:47).
- **Judas (Juda in KJV):** (Matt. 13:55) (Mark 6:3).
- **Simon:** (Matt. 13:55) (Mark 6:3).

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JESUS SISTERS

Mark wrote:

- Are not Jesus sisters here with us?" And they (the Jewish religious leaders) took offense at him (Mark 6:3).

This clearly shows that after Jesus was born Mary and Joseph gave birth to daughters showing that Jesus also had sisters.

APOSTLES IN THE BOOKS OF MATTHEW, MARK AND LUKE

Andrew: Simon Peter's brother. (Matt. 10:2) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:14).

Bartholomew: thought to be Nathanael. (Matt. 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:14).

James: the son of Zebedee and brother of John. Jesus gave James and John the name Boanerges (Sons of Thunder). (Matt. 10:2) (Mark 3:17) (Luke 6:14).

James: the son of Alphaeus. (Matt. 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:15).

John: the son of Zebedee and brother of James. Jesus gave John and James the name Boanerges (Sons of Thunder). (Matt. 10:2) (Mark 3:17) (Luke 6:14).

Judas: Iscariot who betrayed him. (Matt. 10:4) (Mark 3:19) (Luke 6:16).

Mathew: the tax collector. (Matt. 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:15).

Philip: (Matt. 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:14) one of the seven deacons.

Simon: the Cananaean called the Canaanite (Matt. 10:4) (Mark 3:18).
Simon who was called the Zealot. (Luke 6:15).

Thaddaeus: the son of James who was also called Lebbaeus and Judas
(Loudas). (Matt. 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:16) (John 14:22).

Thomas: (Matt 10:3) (Mark 3:18) (Luke 6:15). A twin called Didymus
and his father was Alphaeus.

Simon: (Cephas) (to whom Jesus gave the name Peter). (Matt.10:2)
(Mark 3:16) (Luke 6:4).

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