

THE TWELVE DISCIPLES / *Acts 1:12-13*

Name	Major Events in His Life	Selected References
Simon Peter (son of John)	One of three in core group of disciples; recognized Jesus as the Messiah; denied Christ and repented; preached Pentecost sermon; a leader of the Jerusalem church; baptized Gentiles; wrote 1 and 2 Peter.	Matthew 4:18-20 Mark 8:29-33 Luke 22:31-34 John 21:15-19 Acts 2:14-41; 10:1–11:18
James (son of Zebedee)	Also in core group; he and his brother, John, asked Jesus for places of honor in his kingdom; wanted to call fire down to destroy a Samaritan village; first disciple to be martyred.	Mark 3:17; 10:35-40 Luke 9:52-56 Acts 12:1-2
John (son of Zebedee)	Third disciple in core group; asked Jesus for a place of honor in his kingdom; wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan village; a leader of the Jerusalem church; wrote the Gospel of John, 1, 2, 3 John, and Revelation.	Mark 1:19; 10:35-40 Luke 9:52-56 John 19:26-27; 21:20-24
Andrew (Peter's brother)	Accepted John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus; told Peter about Jesus; he and Philip told Jesus that Greeks wanted to see him.	Matthew 4:18-20 John 1:35-42; 6:8-9; 12:20-22
Philip	Told Nathanael about Jesus; wondered how Jesus could feed the 5,000; he and Andrew told Jesus that Greeks wanted to see him; asked Jesus to show his followers God the Father.	Matthew 10:3 John 1:43-46; 6:2-7; 12:20-22; 14:8-11
Bartholomew (Nathanael)	Initially rejected Jesus because Jesus was from Nazareth but acknowledged him as the "Son of God" and "King of Israel" when they met.	Mark 3:18 John 1:45-51; 21:1-13
Matthew (Levi)	Abandoned his corrupt (and financially profitable) way of life to follow Jesus; invited Jesus to a party with his notorious friends; wrote the Gospel of Matthew.	Matthew 9:9-13 Mark 2:15-17 Luke 5:27-32
Thomas (the Twin)	Suggested the disciples go with Jesus to Bethany—even if it meant death; asked Jesus about where he was going; refused to believe Jesus was risen until he could see Jesus alive and touch his wounds.	Matthew 10:3 John 14:5; 20:24-29; 21:1-13
James (son of Alphaeus)	Became one of Jesus' disciples.	Matthew 10:3 Mark 3:18 Luke 6:15
Judas son of James (Thaddeus)	Asked Jesus why he would reveal himself to his followers and not to the world.	Matthew 10:3 Mark 3:18 John 14:22
Simon the Zealot	Became a disciple of Jesus.	Matthew 10:4 Mark 3:18 Luke 6:15
Matthias	Chosen to replace Judas Iscariot (who had betrayed Jesus and then killed himself).	Acts 1:15-26