

# The Twelve Disciples



Peter



Philip



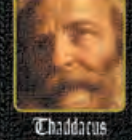
James



James



Bartholomew



Thaddeus



John



Matthew



Simon the Zealot



Andrew



Thomas



Judas Iscariot

## Who Are the Twelve Disciples?

### THEIR BACKGROUNDS

- They were twelve Jewish men whom Jesus called to follow him during his three-year ministry on earth.
- The twelve disciples were from the Galilee region in the north except for Judas Iscariot, who was from Judea in the south.
- Their occupations ranged from fisherman to tax collectors and revolutionaries.
- Some were married (Mark 1:29-31; 1 Cor. 9:3-6).
- Some were well-versed in Scripture (John 1:46).

### THEIR PURPOSE

- After being baptized by John the Baptist and spending forty days in the wilderness, Jesus started teaching and many people started following him.
- After a night of prayer and meditation, Jesus chose twelve men out of all those who were following him.
- These twelve men would be Jesus' main focus of instruction.
- These disciples were selected to let the world know of God's love, that God sent Jesus to redeem the world (John 17:23).

### THEIR MISSION

- These are the twelve men who, for the most part, would prove to be valuable companions to Jesus.
- Their instruction and conversations would become the teachings, knowledge, and instruction for the church that would later grow and spread.
- Jesus knew their personalities, both strong and weak.
- Jesus knew that these men would disappoint him, desert him, deny him, and betray him.
- Jesus knew that these men, once filled with the Holy Spirit, would be the first witnesses of the gospel, carrying God's message of redemption to Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.
- The twelve tribes of Israel were blessed in order to be a blessing to all nations. In a similar way, these twelve men, along with all disciples of Jesus who follow their lead, were to bless all nations (Gal. 3:8). Followers of Christ are commanded to go out and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19).

## Being a Disciple of Christ

### BEGINNING THE JOURNEY: COUNT THE COST

- Jesus said that whoever wants to follow him, that person must deny himself and take up his cross. He said that if one wants to save his life he will lose it, but if he loses his life for Jesus and for the gospel, he will save it.
- When Simon Peter, James, and John encountered Jesus, they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

### FOLLOWING CHRIST TOGETHER: FELLOWSHIP

- Jesus prayed that his followers would be brought to complete unity.
- The followers of Jesus were not to give up meeting together and were to encourage one another.

### SERVING CHRIST AND OTHERS

- Jesus said that whoever wants to become great among his disciples must be a servant, just as Jesus himself did not come to be served, but to serve, and "to give his life a ransom for many."

### FAILURES AND FORGIVENESS

- When Jesus was arrested all the disciples deserted him and fled, and Peter denied knowing him because he feared for his life.
- Later Jesus said that the disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit came to them and that they would share the good news in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and all over the earth.

### IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

- Jesus promised the disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to them, and that the Holy Spirit would guide them and provide them with gifts that would help them carry out their mission.
- Paul wrote to the Corinthian church informing them that there is only one Spirit, but different kinds of gifts. There is only one God, but several kinds of good works.

Mark 8:34-35; 14:71-72; Luke 5:11; John 16:5-16; 17:23; Heb. 10:25; Matt. 20:26-28; 26:56; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 12:4-12



Peter



James, son of Zebedee

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| <p><b>Other Names</b></p>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simeon bar Jona (Simon, son of Jona)</li> <li>• Cephas (“rock” or “stone”)</li> <li>• Simon Peter</li> <li>• Simon</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Son of Zebedee</li> <li>• Boanerges (Son of Thunder)</li> <li>• “James the Elder”</li> <li>• “James the Great”</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>General Information</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Son of Jona and born in Bethsaida (John 1:42-44)</li> <li>• Lived in Capernaum (Matt. 8:5-14)</li> <li>• Fisherman (Matt. 4:18)</li> <li>• Brother of Andrew (Matt. 4:18)</li> <li>• Partner with James and John (Luke 5:10)</li> <li>• Married (Matt. 8:14)</li> <li>• One of the pillars of the Jerusalem church (Gal. 2:9)</li> <li>• Boldly preached, healed, and ministered to Jews and Gentiles after Pentecost (Acts 2-12)</li> <li>• Imprisoned by Herod for preaching and rescued by an angel of the Lord (Acts 12:3-19)</li> <li>• Wrote 1 Peter and 2 Peter</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Son of Zebedee. (Matt. 4:21)</li> <li>• Son of Salome. (Matt. 27:56; Mark 16:1)</li> <li>• Fisherman with his father and his brother (Matt. 4:18-22)</li> <li>• Brother of John (Matt. 4:21)</li> <li>• Partner with Peter (Luke 5:10)</li> <li>• Put to death by the sword by Herod Agrippa I. The only one of the twelve disciples whose death for his faith was recorded in Scripture (Acts 12:2)</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Personality &amp; Character</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impulsive (Matt. 14:28), yet cowardly (Matt. 14:30; 26:69-74)</li> <li>• Hot tempered (John 18:10), yet tenderhearted (Matt. 26:75)</li> <li>• Insightful (Matt. 16:16), yet dense (Matt. 16:21-23)</li> <li>• Courageous and solid after Pentecost (Acts 5:27-30)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vengeful and fiery (Luke 9:54)</li> <li>• Selfish and conceited (Mark 10:35-37)</li> <li>• Committed to Christ and courageous to the end (Acts 12:2)</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Encounters with Jesus</b></p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was called to be a fisher of people (Matt. 4:19)</li> <li>• Left everything to follow Jesus (Luke 5:11)</li> <li>• One of the three disciples in the core group of disciples (Mark 5:37; 9:2; 13:3; 14:33)</li> <li>• Simon said Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God. Jesus names him Peter (rock) and said, “Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.” (Matt. 16:16-19)</li> <li>• Was reprimanded because he refused to accept that Jesus had to die (Matt. 16:23)</li> <li>• Witnessed Jesus’ Transfiguration (where Jesus’ divinity was revealed) (Mark 9:2-8)</li> <li>• Was sent to prepare the upper room for the Last Supper (Luke 22:8)</li> <li>• Jesus predicted that Peter would deny knowing him three times (Luke 22:31-34)</li> <li>• Was with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46)</li> <li>• Jesus instructed Peter after his resurrection (John 21:15-19)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was called to be a fisher of people (Matt. 4:19)</li> <li>• Left everything to follow Jesus (Luke 5:11)</li> <li>• One of the three disciples in the core group of disciples (Mark 5:37; 9:2; 13:3; 14:33)</li> <li>• Jesus named him and John “Sons of Thunder” (Mark 3:17)</li> <li>• Was rebuked with his brother John for requesting God to rain fire on a Samaritan village (Luke 9:54-55)</li> <li>• Witnessed Jesus’ Transfiguration (where Jesus’ divinity was revealed) (Mark 9:2-8)</li> <li>• Jesus responded to James’s and John’s request to sit at his right and left in the kingdom (Mark 10:35-43)</li> <li>• Was with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46)</li> <li>• Witnessed the miraculous catch of fish on the Sea of Galilee after Jesus’ resurrection (John 21:2-7)</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Key Lesson</b></p>                  | <p>God can forgive sins and strengthen the faith of those who love him.</p>   | <p>Stand firm in the face of persecution.</p>   |
| <p><b>Stories</b></p>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Papias (second-century Christian) recorded that Mark served as Peter’s scribe and wrote the Gospel of Mark based on Peter’s testimony.</li> <li>• According to some stories, Peter asked to be crucified upside down. Peter may have been crucified during the reign of Nero in Rome.</li> <li>• Symbols for Peter are sometimes keys, representing the keys to the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 16:19)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some claim he was the first bishop in Spain.</li> <li>• Symbols of James sometimes include the bishop’s hat and the sword, which is in reference to his martyrdom.</li> </ul>  |



John



Andrew



Philip

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Son of Zebedee</li> <li>• Boanerges (Son of Thunder)</li> <li>• "The Beloved Disciple" (The disciple whom Jesus loved)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Protokletos" (First Called)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Son of Zebedee (Matt. 4:21)</li> <li>• Son of Salome (Matt. 27:56; Mark 16:1)</li> <li>• Fisherman with his father and his brother (Matt. 4:18-22)</li> <li>• Brother of James (Matt. 4:21)</li> <li>• Partner with Peter (Luke 5:10)</li> <li>• One of the pillars of the Jerusalem church (Gal. 2:9)</li> <li>• Healed and preached (Acts 3-4; 8)</li> <li>• Exiled to the island of Patmos (Rev. 1:1, 9)</li> <li>• Wrote the Gospel of John, 1, 2, and 3 John, and Revelation.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Son of Jona (John 1:42)</li> <li>• Born in Bethsaida (John 1:44)</li> <li>• Lived in Capernaum with Peter (Mark 1:29)</li> <li>• Fisherman (Matt. 4:18)</li> <li>• Brother of Simon Peter (Matt. 4:18)</li> <li>• Disciple of John the Baptist (John 1:35-40)</li> <li>• Listed as one of Christ's twelve disciples (Matt. 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16)</li> <li>• The name Andrew derives from Greek, meaning "manly."</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Born in Bethsaida (John 1:44)</li> <li>• Well versed in Scripture (John 1:45-46)</li> <li>• Listed as one of Christ's twelve disciples (Matt. 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16)</li> <li>• The disciple Philip is often confused with Philip the evangelist found in Acts.</li> <li>• The name Philip derives from Greek, meaning "he who loves horses."</li> <li>• Philip probably spoke Greek (John 12:20-21)</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vengeful and fiery (Luke 9:54)</li> <li>• Judgmental (Mark 9:38)</li> <li>• Selfish (Mark 10:35-37)</li> <li>• Bold, loving and compassionate after Pentecost (Acts 4:13; 1 John 4)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enthusiastic about Christ (John 1:35-42)</li> <li>• Inquisitive (John 1:35-38)</li> <li>• Resourceful (John 6:8-9)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical (John 6:7)</li> <li>• Helpful (John 12:20-21)</li> <li>• Literal and confused (John 14:8)</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of the three disciples in the core group of disciples (Mark 5:37; 9:2; 13:3; 14:33)</li> <li>• Suggested that driving out demons could only be performed by those who follow Jesus and his disciples (Mark 9:38)</li> <li>• Witnessed Jesus' Transfiguration (where Jesus' divinity was revealed) (Mark 9:2-8)</li> <li>• Was sent to prepare the upper room for the Last Supper (Luke 22:8)</li> <li>• Reclined next to Jesus during the Last Supper (John 13:23)</li> <li>• Was given the responsibility at the cross to take care of Mary, Jesus' mother (John 19:26-27)</li> <li>• Ran ahead of Peter to see Jesus' empty tomb and expressed faith by "seeing and believing" (John 20:2-8)</li> <li>• Witnessed the miraculous catch of fish on the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection (John 21:2-7)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First to follow Jesus (John 1:35-40)</li> <li>• Called to be a fisher of people (Matt. 4:19)</li> <li>• Sent out on a mission to the Jews to preach "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons (Matt. 10:5-8)</li> <li>• Informed Jesus that several Greeks wanted to see him (John 12:20-22)</li> <li>• Told Jesus of the boy with five loaves of bread and two fish (John 6:8-9)</li> <li>• Was present when Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection (John 20:19-25)</li> <li>• Was present for the Great Commission when Jesus sent his disciples to all nations (Matt. 28:16-20)</li> <li>• Witnessed Jesus being taken up into heaven (Acts 1:8-9)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The third disciple Jesus called (John 1:43)</li> <li>• Brought Nathanael (Bartholomew) to Jesus (John 1:45-46)</li> <li>• Jesus tested him regarding the feeding of the multitude (John 6:5-7)</li> <li>• Informed Jesus that several Greeks wanted to see him (John 12:20-22)</li> <li>• Asked Jesus to show him the Father (John 14:8-9)</li> <li>• Was present at the Last Supper (Matt. 26:20)</li> </ul>                |
| <p>God's love, evident in Jesus Christ, saves, transforms, and unites all believers.</p>   | <p>Go out and eagerly share the good news about Jesus Christ.</p>  | <p>All the knowledge in the world does not compare to the truth found in Jesus.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some stories suggest that John was released from exile on the island of Patmos and returned to Ephesus (Turkey today).</li> <li>• Stories suggest that John died in Ephesus around AD 100.</li> <li>• Symbols of John sometimes include the eagle (Rev. 4:7) and a book.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some suggest that Andrew preached in Greece, Asia Minor, and Russia.</li> <li>• A seventh-century story suggests that Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross by a Roman proconsul.</li> <li>• The symbol for Andrew is sometimes the X-shaped cross.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tradition suggests that Philip lived and preached in Scythia (Ukraine today).</li> <li>• Some stories suggest that Philip was crucified on a tall cross at Hierapolis of Phrygia (Turkey today).</li> <li>• Symbols for Philip sometimes include loaves of bread (John 6:5-7) and a tall cross.</li> </ul>   |



Bartholomew



Matthew



Thomas

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| <p><b>Other Names</b></p>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nathanael</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levi</li> <li>• Levi the son of Alphaeus</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Didymus (Twin)</li> <li>• Judas Thomas</li> <li>• “Doubting Thomas”</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>General Information</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Born and/or raised in Cana of Galilee (John 21:2)</li> <li>• Well versed in the Hebrew Scriptures (John 1:46)</li> <li>• Listed as one of Christ’s twelve disciples (Matt. 10:2-4; Acts 1:13)</li> <li>• The name Bartholomew derives from Greek, meaning “son of Tolmai.”</li> <li>• The name Nathanael derives from the Hebrew, meaning “God has given.”</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Son of Alphaeus (Mark 2:14)</li> <li>• From Capernaum (Mark 2:1-17)</li> <li>• Tax collector in Galilee (Matt. 9:9)</li> <li>• Possible brother of James son of Alphaeus (Mark 3:18)</li> <li>• Listed as one of Christ’s twelve disciples (Matt. 10:2-4; Acts 1:13)</li> <li>• Wrote the Gospel of Matthew</li> <li>• The name Matthew derives from Hebrew, meaning “gift of God.”</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He was a twin (John 20:24)</li> <li>• Listed as one of Christ’s twelve disciples (Matt. 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16)</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Personality &amp; Character</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skeptical (John 1:46)</li> <li>• Honest (John 1:47)</li> <li>• Faithful (John 1:49)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penitent (Matt. 9:9; 10:2)</li> <li>• Hospitable (Matt. 9:10)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inquisitive (John 14:5)</li> <li>• Doubtful (John 20:24-25)</li> <li>• Courageous (John 11:16)</li> <li>• Faithful (John 20:24-29)</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Encounters with Jesus</b></p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus told Nathanael that he was an honest Israelite and informed him that he saw him sitting under the fig tree (John 1:47-48)</li> <li>• Nathanael said that Jesus was the “Son of God” and “King of Israel” (John 1:49)</li> <li>• Jesus enlightened Nathanael with what to expect (John 1:50-51)</li> <li>• Witnessed the miraculous catch of fish and ate breakfast with Jesus after his resurrection (John 21:2-7)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew left his tax collector booth to follow Jesus (Matt. 9:9)</li> <li>• Matthew invited Jesus over to dine with him and his corrupt friends (Matt. 9:10)</li> <li>• Sent out on a mission to the Jews to preach “the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons (Matt. 10:5-8)</li> <li>• Was present at the Last Supper (Matt. 26:20)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courageously encouraged disciples to go to Bethany (John 11:16)</li> <li>• Asked Jesus how to know where Jesus was going (John 14:5)</li> <li>• Doubted Jesus’ resurrection saying he would have to touch his wounds in order to believe (John 20:25)</li> <li>• Affirmed that Jesus was Lord and God (John 20:28)</li> <li>• Witnessed the miraculous catch of fish and ate breakfast with Jesus after his resurrection (John 21:2-7)</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Key Lesson</b></p>                  | <p>Believers are called to test all things with Scripture and remain true to its principles.</p>   | <p>Jesus Christ is for everyone, even sinners and outcasts.</p>   | <p>Jesus can overcome doubts and lead believers to faithfulness.</p>   |
| <p><b>Stories</b></p>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some suggest that Bartholomew ministered to Asia Minor and India and the Armenian church claims Bartholomew as their founder.</li> <li>• Tradition suggests that Bartholomew was flayed alive in Armenia.</li> <li>• The symbol for Bartholomew is sometimes a blade.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some stories suggest that Matthew ministered to Persia, Macedonia, Syria, Parthia, Media, and Ethiopia bringing the good news to kings.</li> <li>• Some stories suggest that Matthew died a martyr.</li> <li>• The symbol for Matthew is sometimes a bag of coins in reference to his occupation as a tax collector before he encountered Jesus.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stories suggest that Thomas traveled to India and founded the Christian church there.</li> <li>• Some suggest Thomas was killed by a spear for his faith, and was buried in India.</li> <li>• Some say Thomas was a carpenter.</li> <li>• Symbols for Thomas include the spearhead and the T-square.</li> </ul>   |



James, son of Alphaeus



Thaddaeus



Simon the Zealot



Judas Iscariot

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James the son of Alphaeus</li> <li>• "James the Younger"</li> <li>• "James the Less"</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jude</li> <li>• Judas the son of James</li> <li>• Lebbaeus</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simon the Cananaean</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Judas the Betrayer"</li> <li>• Judas the son of Simon</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Son of Alphaeus. (Mark 3:18)</li> <li>• Possible brother of Matthew (Levi) the tax collector, also the son of Alphaeus (Mark 2:14)</li> <li>• Listed as one of Christ's twelve disciples (Matt. 10:3; Acts 1:13)</li> <li>• James the son of Alphaeus is often confused with James the brother of Jesus (who wrote the book of James) or James the brother of Joseph.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Son of James (Luke 6:16)</li> <li>• Listed as one of Christ's twelve disciples. (Matt. 10:2-4; Acts 1:13)</li> <li>• The Aramaic meaning of both Thaddaeus and Lebbaeus is the same, "beloved" or "dear to the heart."</li> <li>• The name "Judas" derives from the Hebrew name Judah, meaning "praise."</li> <li>• Jude is sometimes confused with Judas the brother of Jesus, Judas Barsabbas, and Judas Iscariot.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was a Zealot. (Matt. 10:4; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13)</li> <li>• Listed as one of Christ's twelve disciples (Matt. 10:2-4; Acts 1:13)</li> <li>• The name Simon derives from the Hebrew name Shimon, meaning "hearing."</li> <li>• The word "Cananaean" derives from an Aramaic word meaning "zealous one."</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer for the group of disciples; was a thief (John 12:5-6; 13:29)</li> <li>• Betrayed Jesus, felt remorse, threw the blood money in the temple and hanged himself. The chief priest used the money to purchase the potter's field, fulfilling prophecy (Matt. 27:3-10).</li> <li>• Purchased the Field of Blood and fell headlong and "burst open" (Acts 1:18-20)</li> <li>• Was replaced by Matthias who was added to the eleven apostles (Acts 1:26)</li> </ul>    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unknown</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inquisitive (John 14:22)</li> <li>• Confused (John 14:22)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patriotic (Matt. 10:4)</li> <li>• Loyal (Mark 3:18)</li> <li>• Passionate (Luke 6:15)</li> <li>• Sacrificial (Acts 1:13)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greedy (Matt. 26:14-16)</li> <li>• Deceitful (Matt. 26:25)</li> <li>• Treacherous (Matt. 26:47-50)</li> <li>• Remorseful (Matt. 27:3-5)</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected as one of Christ's twelve disciples (Matt. 10:2-4; Luke 6:14-16)</li> <li>• Sent out on a mission to the Jews to preach "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons (Matt. 10:5-8)</li> <li>• Was present at the Last Supper (Matt. 26:20)</li> <li>• Was present when Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection (John 20:19-25)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected as one of Christ's twelve disciples (Matt. 10:2-4; Acts 1:13)</li> <li>• Sent out on a mission to the Jews to preach "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons (Matt. 10:5-8)</li> <li>• Asked Jesus how he would reveal himself to his followers and not to the world (John 14:22)</li> <li>• Was present at the Last Supper (Matt. 26:20)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected as one of Christ's twelve disciples (Matt. 10:2-4; Acts 1:13)</li> <li>• Sent out on a mission to the Jews to preach "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons (Matt. 10:5-8)</li> <li>• Was present at the Last Supper (Matt. 26:20)</li> <li>• Was present for the Great Commission and Jesus' Ascension into heaven (Matt. 28:16)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected as one of Christ's twelve disciples (Matt. 10:4; Luke 6:15)</li> <li>• Jesus referred to Judas as the devil (John 6:70-71)</li> <li>• Criticized Mary for anointing Jesus with expensive perfume (John 12:4-8)</li> <li>• Conversed with Jesus during the Last Supper (Matt. 26:23-25; John 13:27-28)</li> <li>• The devil entered his heart at the Last Supper (John 13:2)</li> <li>• Betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matt. 26:14-16; 47-51)</li> </ul> |
| <p>All followers of Jesus can still accomplish the work of God without being in the limelight.</p>  | <p>Jesus will reveal his truths to believers who follow him.</p>  | <p>One should be willing to sacrifice his or her politics to follow Jesus.</p>   | <p>Not all who claim to follow Jesus are faithful to him and his goals.</p>  |
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