



THE TWELVE DISCIPLES



1. Simon Peter: The Rock

Simon Peter was a fisherman. He and his brother Andrew spent their days catching fish in the Sea of Galilee. One day, Jesus saw them fishing and called out, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Without hesitation, Peter and Andrew left their nets and followed Jesus.

Peter was very enthusiastic and often acted quickly. One of the most famous stories about Peter is when he walked on water.

One night, the disciples were in a boat, and they saw Jesus walking on the water towards them. Peter asked, "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk on the water towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind and the waves, he became afraid and started to sink. He cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Peter was also the disciple who declared that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus told Peter that He Jesus would be the rock on which He would build His Church.



PETER THE ROCK



2. James the Greater: The First Martyr

James was a fisherman, just like his brother John. They worked with their father, Zebedee, catching fish in the Sea of Galilee. One day, while they were mending their nets, Jesus walked by and called out to them, "Come, follow me!" Without hesitation, James and John left their boat and their father to follow Jesus. James was one of Jesus' closest companions. Along with Peter and John, he formed Jesus' inner circle. James was the first apostle to be martyred for his faith.

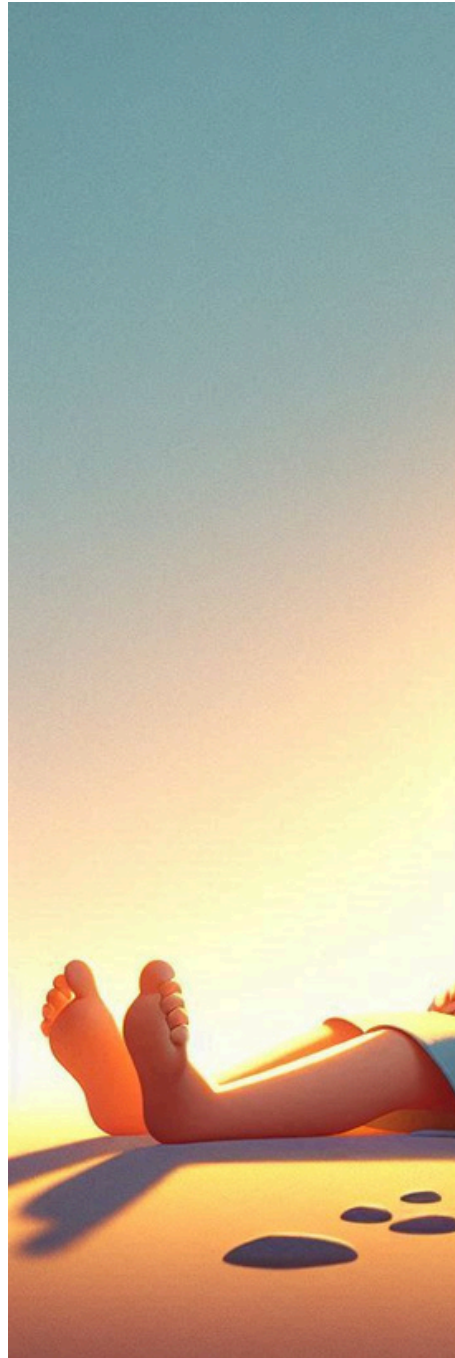


JAMES THE GREATER



3. John: The Beloved Disciple

John was known as the "beloved disciple." He had a special devotion to Jesus and was the only apostle present at the crucifixion. John wrote the *Gospel of John*, which examines the nature and identity of Christ.



JOHN THE BELOVED



4. Andrew: The Fisher of Men

Andrew was Peter's brother. He was known for his thirst for truth and dedication to Christ. Andrew led others to Jesus, including his brother Peter and the apostle Philip



ANDREW THE FISHER OF MEN



5. Philip: The Truth-Seeker

Philip was one of the first followers of Jesus. He was instrumental in calling others to faith. Philip sought spiritual truth and found it in the Messiah.



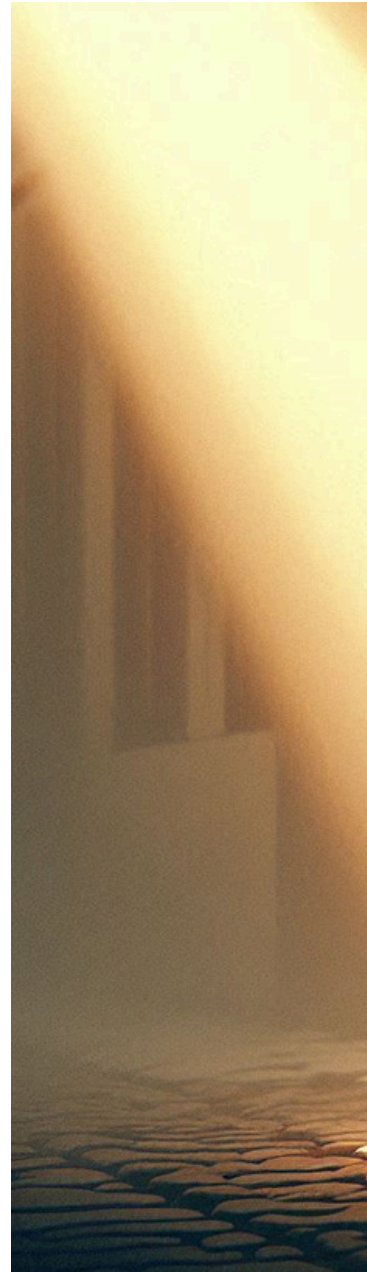
PHILIP THE TRUTH SEEKER



6. Bartholomew: The Sceptics

Bartholomew, also known as Nathanael, was one of Jesus' disciples. He was a good friend of Philip. At first, Bartholomew was skeptical and asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" But Philip encouraged him to come and see for himself. When Jesus saw Bartholomew approaching, He said, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit". Bartholomew was amazed and asked Jesus how He knew him. Jesus replied, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you".

This encounter convinced Bartholomew that Jesus was indeed the Son of God, and he became one of Jesus' faithful disciples. He travelled far and wide, sharing the good news about Jesus and performing miracles. Bartholomew's story teaches us about the importance of faith and the power of Jesus' love



BARTHOLOMEW



7. Matthew (Levi): The Tax Collector

Matthew was a former tax collector. He left everything to follow Jesus. His Gospel emphasizes the kingdom of heaven and Jesus' teachings.



MATTHEW

THE TAX COLLECTOR

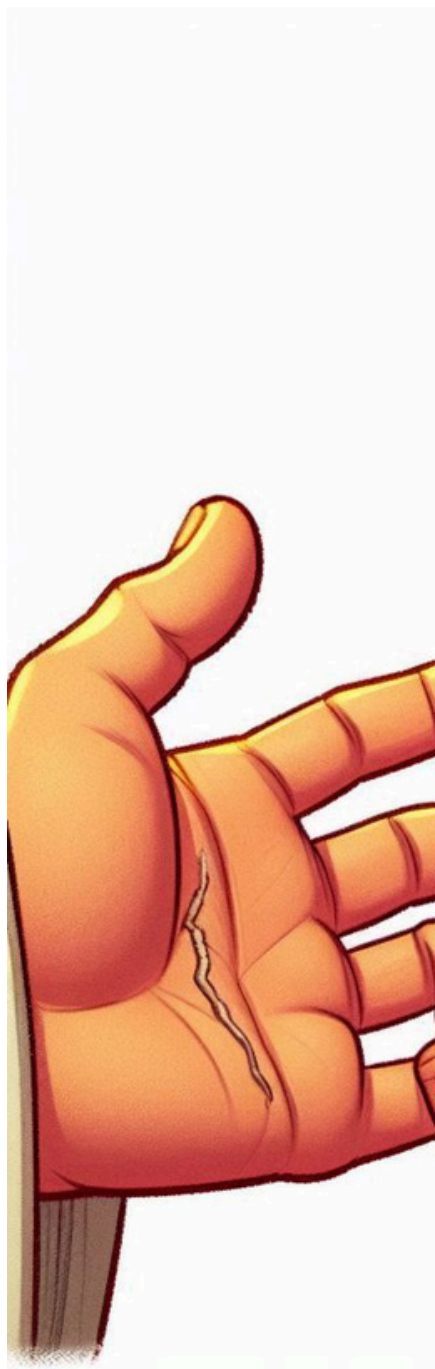


8. Thomas: The Doubter

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples to show them that He was alive.

However, one of the disciples, Thomas, was not with them when

Jesus came. When the other disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus, he didn't believe them. Thomas said, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." Thomas was known as "Doubting Thomas" because he struggled to believe in Jesus' resurrection until he had physical proof.



THOMAS THE DOUBTER



9. James the Less: The Unknown Apostle

James the Less, also known as James the son of Alphaeus, was one of Jesus' twelve disciples. He was called "the Less" to distinguish him from another disciple named James, who was the brother of John. Little is known about James the Less. He may have embraced obscurity as a virtue. James the Less teaches us that everyone is important to God, even if they don't get a lot of attention.



JAMES THE LESS



10. Simon the Zealot: The Nationalist

Simon was very passionate about his beliefs and wanted to make the world a better place. He was known as Simon the Zealot because he was so enthusiastic and dedicated. Even though Simon was once very eager to fight for his beliefs, he learned from Jesus that true strength comes from love and peace. Simon became a brave disciple, spreading Jesus' message to everyone he met.

Simon the Zealot's story teaches us that we can use our passion and enthusiasm to spread love and kindness, just like he did.



SIMON THE ZEALOT



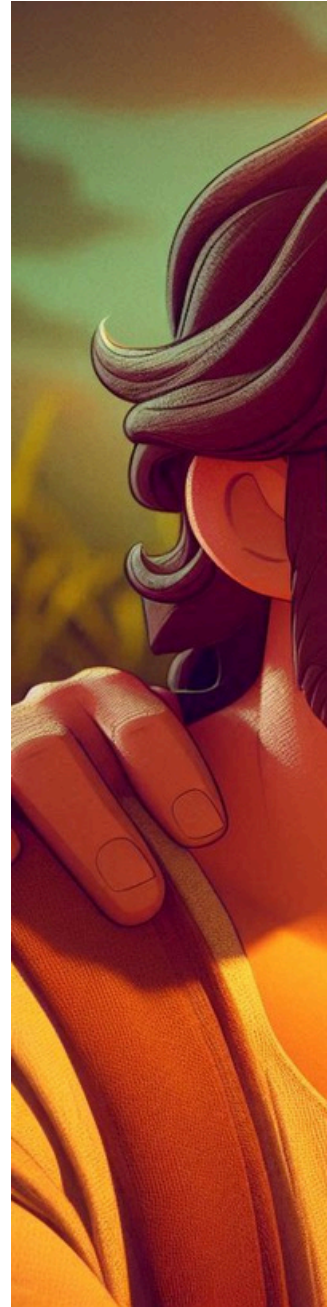
11. Thaddeus (Jude): The Gentle Apostle

Along with James the Less and Simon the Zealot, Thaddeus was one of the lesser-known disciples. He was characterized as a gentle and humble man.

He saw Jesus perform miracles, like healing the sick and feeding thousands of people with just a few loaves of bread and fish. Thaddeus was amazed and knew that Jesus was truly special.

One day, Thaddeus asked Jesus a question. He wondered why Jesus only showed His true self to His friends and not to everyone. Jesus smiled and explained that those who truly loved and believed in Him would understand His message. Thaddeus felt happy to be one of Jesus' chosen friends.

Thaddeus continued to spread Jesus' teachings even after Jesus went back to heaven. He traveled to many places, telling people about God's love and performing miracles. Thaddeus became known as a brave and faithful disciple who helped many people find hope and faith.



JUDE THE GENTLE APOSTLE



12. Judas Iscariot:

Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus. He was trusted by Jesus and the other disciples and oversaw the group's money.

One day, some religious leaders who didn't like Jesus came to Judas with a plan. They wanted to arrest Jesus but needed someone to help them find Him when He was alone. They offered Judas 30 pieces of silver if he would betray Jesus.

Judas agreed. During the Last Supper, Jesus told His disciples that one of them would betray Him.

He gave the soldiers a sign and they came and took Jesus away, later Judas felt very guilty for what he had done.

He tried to return the silver and told the leaders he had made a mistake, but they didn't care. Sadly, Judas couldn't forgive himself and ended his life.



JUDAS ISCARIOT

