

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

"The group who labored with Jesus as apostles -- a term used to distinguish the chosen family of Jesus' advisers from the vast multitude of believing disciples who subsequently followed him" (1525:5)

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1 P 1548	ANDREW (brother of Peter) volunteered and brought Peter; a disciple of John	33 S 0	+ stability, even temperment - lack of enthusiasm Jesus' sincerity & unaffected dignity	DIRECTOR of the group wrote record first-last copy destroyed in fire at Alexandria 100 yrs later <i>Known to scholars as the "Q" Source</i>	FISHERMAN A Zebedee partner	crucified in Patrae in Achaia - <i>took 2 days to die</i>	Page 1958 last supper P 2048 after crucifixion: TRUST & Learn to weigh the consequences of your sayings and your doings. The reaping is according with the sowing.	journeyed through Armenia, Asia Minor & Macedonia
3 P 1552	JAMES ZEBEDEE (of Capernaum) (John Z's Brother) Nickname: "Sons of Thunder"	30 M 4	+ Balanced, level headed, paced, - spells of silence Jesus' sympathetic affection, understanding of all	PERSONAL AIDE TO JESUS	FISHERMAN	Died by sword by Harold Agrippa	P 1962 last supper P 2048 same as Andrew - TRUST & "Pray for tranquility of spirit and cultivate patience."	First Apostle to experience martyrdom - for teaching about the "Kingdom" of God
2 P 1550	PETER Nickname: SIMON Brother of Andrew disciple of John	30 M 3	+ loyalty, faith, courageous friendship, - vacillating, Jesus' supernal tenderness, and forbearance	PERSONAL AIDE TO JESUS His wife joined the WOMEN'S CORP OF DISCIPLES	FISHERMAN a partner to the Zebedees	crucified in Rome; wife thrown to the lions same time	P 1958 - last supper P 2047 - same as John, LOVE: "Love is the ancestor of all spiritual goodness, the essence of true and beautiful."	traveled and visited all churches from Babylon to Corinth
4 P 1553	JOHN ZEBEDEE (Jame Z's Brother) Nickname: "Sons of Thunder"	24 S 0	+ dependable, imagination - conceit, bigoted, intolerant J's love and unselfishness	PERSONAL AIDE TO JESUS	FISHERMAN	Died of OLD AGE; married James' widow; banished to the isle of Patmos	P 1955 - Last Supper P 2047 - with Simon Peter, LOVE; "Let experience teach you the value of meditation and power of intelligent reflection."	Became Bishop of Asian Churches; lived to be 101 - dictated Book of Revelation from a dream - much of it changed by later copiers and translators
5 P 1556	PHILIP (of Behsaida) Nickname: "the Curious"	27 M 0	+ methodical reliability & curiosity - lack of imagination, always wanted to be shown J's unfailing generosity	STEWARD, supplied the group with provisions Wife joined the WOMEN'S CORPS	FISHERMAN (not part of the Zebedee partnership)	crucified at Hierapolis	P 1960 Last Supper P 2049 with Matthew OBEY: "There is but one law to obey - that is the command to go forth proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom. Cease to fear men."	Preached the Good News to the Samaritans
6 P 1558	NATHANIEL (6th) Nickname meant "Honest" ONE of 2 best educated; brought by Philip	25 S 0	+ Honesty, sincerity, (good story teller, never took self seriously); - Pride J's tolerance [NOTE: Bartholomew was Nathaniel's father]	CARETAKER - looked after the needs of all families of the apostles.	MERCHANT	Died in India	P 1960 Last Supper P 2048 with Thomas SERVE, "Admix your friendship with your counsel and add love to your philosophy. Serve your fellow men."	Spread the Good News in Mesopotamia and India

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"These 12 men represented different types of human temperament, and they had not been made alike by schooling:"
 All of them, except the Alpheus twins, were graduates of the synagogue schools - 7 from Capernaum, the best!

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7 P 1559	MATTHEW LEVI Nickname (by apostles): "money-getter" Chosen by Andrew as 7th apostle	31 M 4	+ devotion to cause - shortsighted and materialistic J's forgiving disposition (only apostle with modest fortune & an education)	MONEY RAISER, BUDGETER; Made extensive notes of the sayings of Jesus. Gave almost all of fortune to the work/support of the group	CUSTOMS COLLECTOR in Capernaum	unbelieving Jews and Roman soldiers conspired to cause his death in Thrace	P 1957 Last Supper P 2049 [see Phillip] OBEY: "There is but one law to obey ..." "Fear no man when you proclaim the saving truths of the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven."	Travels north, preaching and baptising believers. Ended with death in Thrace.
8 P 1561	THOMAS DIDYMUS Chosen by Philip	29 M 4	+ analytical, loyal, honest, scientist, sincere and truthful, unflinching courage - pessimistic, faultfinder, suspicious, disagreeable and quarlesome; moody J's superbly balanced character (lost twin sister when 9 yrs old)	DIRECTOR OF THE ITENERARY	FISHERMAN, carpenter and stone mason of Gadara, leading citizen of Tarichea; little education but possessed a keen mind	put to death by Roman agents in Malta	P 1960 Last Supper P 2048 [see NATHANIEL] SERVE: "Admix friendship with your..." "Believe in god like a child but cease to act childishly. Have courage, be strong in faith..."	Went to Cyprus, Crete, North African coast, Sicily to preach. Ended with death in Malta
9 P 1563	THADDEUS JAMES ALPHEUS a TWIN of Lebbeus Judas Alpheus; AKA "lesser James" selected by James Zebedee	26 M 3	+ big hearted, kind, generous, faithful, - simple minded, J's simplicity NOTE: The twins knew they were the least of the apostles and rejoiced to find themselves numbered among them.	POLICING THE MULTITUDES; CHIEF USHERS, GENERAL SERVANTS AND ERRAND BOYS OF THE TWELVE	FISHERMAN from Kheresa The twins were simple family men	natural death of old age	P 1961 Last Supper P 2049 [see LEBBEUS, JUDAS ALPHEUSUS, twin] BELIEVE: "Never allow a change in your outward work to influence your allegiance. Never forget that, when you are a faith son of God, all upright work of the realm is sacred - nothing is common."	Went back to his fishnets and family; led a normal life - had not the ability to go on in the complex battles of the kingdom
10 P 1563	LEBBEUS JUDAS ALPHEUS, a TWIN of Thaddeus James selected by John Zebedee	26 M 2	[SAME AS THADDEUS except:] J's humility linked with dignity. NOTE: twins FIRST TO BELIEVE IN JESUS' RESURRECTION	SEE TWIN	[SEE TWIN]	natural	Do your work from this time on as for God"	[SAME AS THADDEUS]
11 P 1564	SIMON ZELOTES selected by Peter	28 S 0	+ inspirational loyalty, organizer -material mindedness J's calmness, assurance, poise & inexplicable composure	RELAXATION activites organizer	MERCHANT ZEALOT LEADER, good ancestry, lived with family in Capernaum	Died of old age in Africa	P1956 Simon was missing at this time; He profoundly loved Jesus & was grieving	Traveled to Alexandria up the Nile to heart of Africa; died there
12 P 1565	JUDAS INCARIOT, son of wealthy parents from Jericho who pampered, then disowned him, Selected by Nathaniel	30 S 0	+best educated, organizer, good thinker - brooder, resentful, not honest thinker J's char ning personality	TREASURER OF THE GROUP, MANAGED FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, The apostles loved Judas	FISH DRYING BUSINESS	Suicide: Hung himself after betraying Jesus; cord broke -he was dashed into pieces on rocks below	P 1956 Was dead when Jesus visited with them in Morontia form.	Died before the resurrection