

Disciples, Apostles, and NT Authors

The 12 Disciples appointed as Apostles

The account of Jesus appointing specific disciples as his apostles is related in Mark 3:13-19 and Luke 6:13-16, and these specific disciples are also named in Matthew 10:2-4.

And it came to pass in these days, that he went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called his disciples; and he chose from them twelve, whom also he named apostles: - Luke 6:12-13 (ASV)

These 12, chosen that day by Jesus Christ:

1. Peter

- a. Called: Simon Barjona (son of Jona), Named Cephas by Jesus, which is Chaldee, and translates to the Greek, Petros, but he is most often called Peter or Simon Peter.
- b. From: Fisherman from Bethsaida
- c. Parents: Jonah
- d. Brother: Andrew
- e. Authored: 1 & 2 Peter
- f. Other Notes: Disciple of John the Baptist, Main subject of Acts ch's 1-15
- g. Martyrdom: Traditionally crucified in Rome

2. Andrew

- a. Called: Andrew
- b. From: Fisherman from Bethsaida
- c. Parents: Jonah
- d. Brother: Peter
- e. Authored: none
- f. Other Notes: Disciple of John the Baptist
- g. Martyrdom: Traditionally crucified (X-shaped cross)

3. James, son of Zebedee

- a. Called: James, (with John) Sons of Thunder
- b. From: Fisherman from Bethsaida
- c. Parents: Zebedee and Salome
- d. Brother: John (James older)
- e. Authored: none
- f. Other Notes: Disciple of John the Baptist
- g. Martyrdom: Beheaded AD 44

4. John, son of Zebedee

- a. Called: James, (with John) Sons of Thunder
- b. From: Fisherman from Bethsaida
- c. Parents: Zebedee and Salome
- d. Brother: John (James older)
- e. Authored: Gospel of John, I, II, III John, Revelation
- f. Other Notes: Disciple of John the Baptist
- g. Martyrdom: Boiled in Oil (harmless), exiled to Patmos

5. Philip

- a. Called: Philip
- b. From: Bethsaida
- c. Parents: unknown
- d. Brother: friend or relative of Bartholomew
- e. Authored: none
- f. Other Notes: Disciple of John the Baptist
- g. Martyrdom: Crucified in AD 54

6. Bartholomew

- a. Called: Bartholomew in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, called Nathanael throughout the Book of John. It is commonly held that Bartholomew was his surname.
- b. From: Cana
- c. Parents: unknown
- d. Brother: friend or relative of Philip
- e. Authored: none
- f. Other Notes: Disciple of John the Baptist
- g. Martyrdom: Beaten and Crucified

7. Matthew

- a. Called: Matthew, Levi was his surname.
- b. From: Capernaum, Tax collector
- c. Parents: Alphaeus
- d. Brother: James, the Less
- e. Authored: Gospel of Matthew
- f. Other Notes: none
- g. Martyrdom: Halberd, AD 60

8. Thomas

- a. Called: Thomas (Aramaic for Twin), Didymus (Greek for Twin), 'doubting Thomas'
- b. From: Born in Antioch
- c. Parents: unknown
- d. Brother: none
- e. Authored: none
- f. Other Notes: none
- g. Martyrdom: Spear/Lance

9. James, the Less

- a. Called: James the Less in Mark 15:40 (due to age or stature?)
- b. From: Capernaum assumed
- c. Parents: Alphaeus and Mary (sister of Jesus' mother)
- d. Brother: Matthew
- e. Authored: none
- f. Other Notes: Understood to be distinct person from James (the Just), the brother of Jesus Christ. It was James the Just, not James the Less, who authored the Book of James, and presided over the church at Jerusalem.
- g. Martyrdom: unknown

10. Simon the Zealot

- a. Called: Simon the Zealot, Simon Zelotes, or Simon the Canaanite, but he was not a Canaanite (race), rather Kananaioi in Hebrew translates to Zealotes in Greek, Simon is identified with a political faction, "The Zealots".
- b. From: unknown
- c. Parents: unknown
- d. Brother: none
- e. Authored: none
- f. Other Notes: Not Simon the brother of Jesus Christ
- g. Martyrdom: Crucified AD 74

11. Judas

- a. Called: Judas or Jude, surname was Thaddaeus, Lebbaeus is provided as an alternate given name for Thaddaeus only in KJV (NKJV, etc.).
- b. From: unknown
- c. Parents: unknown
- d. Brother: James, Jesus Christ
- e. Authored: Book of Jude
- f. Other Notes: none
- g. Martyrdom: Crucified AD 72

12. Judas Iscariot, the Traitor

- a. Called: Judas Iscariot
- b. From: unknown
- c. Parents: unknown
- d. Brother: none
- e. Authored: none
- f. Other Notes: none
- g. Martyrdom: Suicide

The Latter Apostles

1. **Matthias** – The story of Matthias being selected to be an apostle, replacing Judas Iscariot is given in Acts 1:15-26, stipulations for qualifications of the office were given in Acts 1:21-22, that Matthias had been among the disciples from the baptism of Jesus, until the ascension of Jesus (Acts 1:1-11)
2. **Paul** – Paul was a very well-educated Pharisee persecuting the church, who was converted by divine interaction, as told in Acts 9:1-21. Galatians 1:11-20 relates divine instruction and 3 years in Arabia, presumably a time of study and inspiration, or even special revelation. Paul declares and defends his apostleship in Galatians 1 and in 2 Corinthians 11.

Others Included as Apostles

1. **Barnabas** - Acts 13:1-4 taken with 14:1-4, Acts 14:14a
 - a. Acts 13:2-4a
As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
 - b. Acts 14:1, 4
And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together (Paul and Barnabas) into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed. ... v4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles (plural).
 - c. Acts 14:14
Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of...
2. **Silas (Silvanus) and Timothy** - 1 Thessalonians 1:1, taken with 2:6
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 1:1
Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 2:6
Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.
3. **Apollos** – Not directly included in the title apostle, but clearly represented as a peer to Paul and Peter in both work and authority, as given in 1 Corinthians 1:12, chapters 3 and 4 (esp. 3:4 and 4:6), and in 16:12.

New Testament Authors

1. **Matthew**, the Apostle
 - a. The Gospel of Matthew
2. **Mark**, companion of Paul and Peter, nephew of Barnabas
 - a. The Gospel of Mark
3. **Luke**, a Gentile, companion of Paul
 - a. The Gospel of Luke
 - b. The Book of Acts
4. **John**, the Apostle
 - a. The Gospel of John
 - b. I, II, III John
 - c. Revelation
5. **Paul**, latter Apostle
 - a. Romans
 - b. I, II Corinthians
 - c. Galatians
 - d. Ephesians
 - e. Philippians
 - f. Colossians
 - g. I, II Thessalonians (from Paul, Silas, and Timothy)
 - h. I, II Timothy
 - i. Titus
6. **Author of Hebrews** (Assume Barnabas or Silas)
7. **James**, brother of Jesus Christ
 - a. The Book of James
8. **Simon Peter**
 - a. I, II Peter
9. **Jude**, brother of Jesus Christ
 - a. The Book of Jude