

<sup>35</sup> Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

<sup>1</sup> He called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean; and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

**What Jesus Discovered in the Twelve Apostles**

**1. JESUS EQUIPS THE CHURCH WITH \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. PETER \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS, AND \_\_\_\_\_ HIM.**

“Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” Luke 5:8

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. Acts 4:13

“Simon, are you sleeping?” He asked Peter. “Couldn’t you stay awake one hour?” Mark 14:37

They asked him again, “You’re not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it, saying, “No, I am not.” John 18:25

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” John 21:17

“If you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” Luke 5:5

**3. ANDREW \_\_\_\_\_ TO JESUS.**

Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. John 1:42

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish." John 6:8-9

They said, "Sir, we want to meet Jesus." Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus. John 12:22

**4. JAMES & JOHN ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ THEIR LIVES.**

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor." Mark 10:35

They said to Jesus, "Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Luke 9:54-55

King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. He had the apostle James (John's brother) killed with a sword. Acts 12:1-2

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16

**5. THOMAS \_\_\_\_\_ BUT \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS.**

He replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." John 20:24

Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus." John 11:16

**6. MATTHEW AND SIMON GOT \_\_\_\_\_.**

**7. JESUS NEVER \_\_\_\_\_ JUDAS ISCARIOT.**

Now he loved them to the very end. John 13:1

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- 1) Forgive - Let Go / Reconcile
  - 2) Repeat offense - still need mercy
  - 3) No apology - still doing harm?
- Lesson - extreme, life & death, spectrum

Never see God - but all agree: circumstances + judging  
God sees both sides clearly, fairly - Don't get in his way  
If ppl hurt you, subject to judgment - don't entice them!

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