

TWELVE disciples follow Jesus

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Jesus chose twelve men to be his helpers and they went everywhere with Him. After he died, they went to other towns and told people what they had seen Jesus do and the things he taught them.



Jesus had 12 special followers called disciples. The first four he found were fishermen. Simon (Peter) and Andrew left their fishing and their families and followed Jesus.



James and John were in their boat with their father Zebedee, when Jesus called them to follow him. Straight away they chose to go.



Phillip, the man from Galilee and Bartholomew became disciples too. They saw the miracles Jesus did and listened to everything he taught them.



Before he went to follow Jesus, Matthew was a tax collector. He left his important job and all his money to become a disciple of Jesus.



Thomas was a tax collector too. He and James also left everything behind when they went and followed Jesus. The disciples were Jesus' helpers.



Last of all, Jesus chose Judas Iscariot. He loved money more than he loved God and he was the disciple who betrayed Jesus. Matthew, John, Peter and James wrote some of the Bible.



The 12 disciples were: Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John. Phillip, Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew. James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon and Judas Iscariot.