

12 APOSTOLIC MEN

The Apostles' Callings

KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES

1. To be able to _____ the 12 apostles
2. To understand _____ they were chosen
3. To see the types of people God chooses
4. To better understand their personalities
5. To see how time with Jesus changed them
6. To recognize their symbols in everyday life

WHO ARE THEY?

Matthew 10:2-4	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:14-16	Acts 1:13
Simon (Peter)	Simon (Peter)	Simon (Peter)	_____
Andrew	James (of Zebedee)	Andrew	James
James (of Zebedee)	John	James	John
John	Andrew	John	Andrew
Philip	Philip	Philip	_____
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
Thomas	Matthew	Matthew	Bartholomew
Matthew	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
James (of Alphaeus)	James (of Alphaeus)	James (of Alphaeus)	_____ (of Alphaeus)
Lebbaeus (Thaddaeus)	Thaddaeus	Simon	Simon
Simon	Simon	Judas	Judas
Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	

HOW DID THEY GET THERE?

1. BET SAFAR (HOUSE OF THE _____)

Age: 5/6-10/12; Memorize: Law ([Genesis](#), [Exodus](#), [Leviticus](#), [Numbers](#), [Deuteronomy](#))

Learn: Read, write, recite, and love God's Word and a working knowledge of the Torah

2. BET TALMUD (HOUSE OF _____)

Age: 10/12-14/15; Memorize: Prophets and Writings ([Joshua](#)—[Malachi](#))

Learn: The art of questions and answers

3. BET MIDRASH (HOUSE OF _____)

Age: 14/15-30

Learn: Rabbi's yoke, application of oral and written law (being like the rabbi—a _____)

How did each respond to the call?

1. PETER, ANDREW, JAMES, AND JOHN

[Matthew 4:18-22](#)

18 *Why were they fishermen?* They were not the _____

2. PHILIP AND BARTHOLOMEW

[John 1:35-51](#)

3. MATTHEW

[Matthew 9:9](#) details the calling of Matthew

APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. Order matters
2. The _____ chooses
3. Discipleship is _____

PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Understand my place
2. Say, "Yes"
3. Get _____

RESOURCES

The Gospels, 12 Angry Men

The Twelve Apostles (to the tune of "Jesus loves me")

Jesus called them one by one,
Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Next, came Philip, Thomas too,
Matthew and Bartholomew.

Yes, Jesus called them,
Yes, Jesus called them,
Yes, Jesus called them,
He called them one by one.

James the one they called the less,
Simon, also Thaddaeus,
Twelfth apostle Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.

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HOMework CHECK

Can you name all 12 apostles?

1	5	9
2	6	10
3	7	11
4	8	12

WHAT WERE THEY LIKE?

WHAT WERE THEY KNOWN FOR?

WHAT THEOLOGY DO WE LEARN FROM THEM?

First Third (Inner Circle)

PETER (SIMON, SIMON PETER, PETER)

Brother of _____ and a fisherman: [Matthew 4:18](#)

_____ : [Matthew 8:14](#)

Given the _____ of the kingdom of heaven: [Matthew 16:16-19](#)

Impulsive: [John 18:10](#)

Theology

[Matthew 16:16](#): Jesus is the _____

JAMES (SON OF ZEBEDEE) & JOHN (SON OF ZEBEDEE)

Brothers and fishermen: [Matthew 4:21](#)

_____ : [Luke 9:51-56](#)

Named the "Sons of Thunder" by Jesus: [Mark 3:17](#)

Note: the apostle John is not John the _____

Note: the apostle James is not the author of [James](#)

Theology

[Luke 9:51-56](#): Jesus came to _____

[Mark 10:35-45](#): The greatest is the _____

ANDREW

Brother of _____ and a fisherman: [Matthew 4:18](#)

A _____ of John the Baptist: [John 1:35-40](#)

Theology

[John 1:40-42a](#); [6:1-9](#); [12:20-22](#): _____ people to Jesus

Second Third (next week)

Philip
Thomas, Didymus, Judas Thomas
Bartholomew, Nathanael
Matthew, Levi

Third Third (next week)

James (son of Alphaeus)
Simon, Simon the Zealot
Thaddaeus, Judas, Lebbaeus
Judas Iscariot

APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. God's followers are _____
2. Questions get answered
3. Everyone has a role

PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Appreciate the diversity
2. _____ away
3. Be _____

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Second Third

PHILIP

From Bethsaida (the same city as Andrew and Peter): [John 1:44-46](#)

Practical/Analytical: [John 6:1-7](#): We calculate too much and ___ too little

Theology

[John 12:20-26](#): The Father honors those that serve Jesus

[John 14:1-11](#): Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus

THOMAS, DIDYMUS, JUDAS THOMAS

_____: [John 11: 1-16](#):

Theology

[John 14:5-6](#): Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life

BARTHOLOMEW, NATHANAEL

[John 1:43-51](#)

MATTHEW, LEVI

A _____ collector: [Matthew 9:9](#)

_____: [Luke 5:27-32](#)

Theology

[Luke 5:32](#): Jesus came for sinners

Third Third

JAMES (SON OF ALPHEUS)

Have you ever sat on the bench and watched someone else play or get the limelight?

SIMON, SIMON THE ZEALOT, SIMON THE CANANITE

Was a _____: [Luke 6:15](#)

THADDAEUS, JUDAS, LEBBAEUS

[John 14:19-24](#):

Theology

[John 14:23-24](#): Jesus lovers are obedient

JUDAS ISCARIOT

Betrayed Jesus: [Matthew 10:4](#)

Entered by Satan: [Luke 22:3](#)

Tightwad: [John 12:1-8](#)

Treasurer: [John 13:29](#)

Theology

[John 12:8](#): The _____ will always be with us (and so will apostates)

APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. Jesus was intentional about the _____
2. Questions are critical
3. Roles are not fair

PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Appreciate the diversity
2. _____ away
3. Be _____

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The Apostles' Commission

SCHEDULE

Date	Lesson Title	Questions
July 27	The Apostles' Callings	Who are they? How did they get there?
August 3	The Apostles' Characters	What were they like? What were they known for?
August 10	The Apostles' Characters	What were they like? What were they known for?
August 17	The Apostles' Commission	Where did they go next? How are they remembered?

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WHERE DID THEY GO NEXT? HOW ARE THEY REMEMBERED?

Apostles' General Importance

- Their ministry as _____ for the resurrection ([Acts 1:8](#))
- Their ministry as _____ ([Matthew 28:18-20](#))

Peter

According to the traditions of the early church, he was crucified _____ down

Peter's symbol is _____ ([Matthew 16:19](#))

James (son of Zebedee)

The account of his death is in [Acts 12:1-2](#). James was the first of the twelve to be martyred and the _____ one of the Apostles whose death after Jesus' ascension is mentioned in the New Testament.

John

As far as we know, John was the only apostle _____ martyred

Andrew

Tradition tells us that Andrew was crucified on an __-shaped cross

Philip

Thomas

[John 20:24-29](#). A few weeks/months/years later, Thomas walked more than 3,000 miles and took the gospel to _____

Bartholomew

In Michelangelo's "Last Judgment" he is pictured as flayed and holding his own _____

Matthew

James (son of Alphaeus)

Simon

Judas

Judas Iscariot

Killed himself ([Matthew 27:3-10](#)). In art, he never has a _____.

APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. It's not about how you start, it's about how you _____
2. Sometimes we are remembered for the _____ things

PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Finish well
2. Pay attention to the _____ things

RESOURCES

The Gospels and [The Acts of the Apostles](#); 12 Angry Men; How to Recognize the Holy Apostles in Icons: bit.ly/RecognizeTheApostles; The Chapel of the Twelve Apostles: bit.ly/Chapel12