

# **TWELVE WERE CHOSEN**

A STUDY OF THE ORIGINAL APOSTLES

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## **STUDENT WORKBOOK**

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# Twelve Were Chosen

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This study reviews what we know from Scripture of the men known as the Apostles. The intent of this study is to look briefly at the lives of these men to learn from them how to strengthen our walk of faith.



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## Lesson 1 – Introduction

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The difference between an apostle and a disciple	Disciple
	Apostle
Selecting the Twelve	
What the Apostles overcame	

## Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between a disciple of Christ and an apostle?

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2. What is significant about Jesus praying before selecting the twelve disciples?

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3. What is significant about Jesus selecting twelve apostles?

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4. What authority did the apostles have and how does that impact us today?

(Matthew 16:19 and Matthew 18:18)

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5. How can you use this lesson to grow spiritually and help others come into a relationship with Jesus?

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## Lesson 2 – Peter ~ First Among the Twelve

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Peter's Biographical Information	Name
	Residence
Peter and the Keys to the Kingdom	Matthew 16
	Applying the keys
What we learn from Peter	

## Discussion Questions

1. What was significant about Peter's response to Jesus in Matthew 16:13-20?

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2. Why was Peter reinstated by Jesus after he had denied Him and how does this apply to us?  
(John 21:15)

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3. In what ways was Peter a seeker and what is the example for us?

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4. What is your favorite or most impactful event from Peter's life and how does it help you grow spiritually?

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Biblical Accounts of Andrew	
Observations about Andrew	
What we learn from Andrew	



## Discussion Questions

1. What was Andrew's action after spending time with Jesus and what can we learn from it?

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2. What style of evangelism did Andrew practice and why is this a successful method?

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3. What would lead someone to think that Andrew was more thoughtful or withdrawn than Peter, John, and James, the other three of the group closest to Jesus, and how does this relate to many in the church today?

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4. How does Andrew show the value of individuals?

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5. What gift(s) do you possess and how can you use these in service to our Lord?

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## Lesson 4 – James and John ~ Sons of Thunder

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What we know about James and John

What we learn from James

What we learn from John

## Discussion Questions

1. Summarize what we know about James and John as brothers.

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2. How was James killed and what can we learn from this?

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3. List some highlights of John's life as an apostle.

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4. Why do you think John was reluctant to refer to himself in the first person?

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5. What is the greatest lesson you learn from John?

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## Lesson 5 – Philip and Nathanael ~ Friends to All

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Philip

Nathanael

## Discussion Questions

1. Summarize what we know of Philip.

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2. How does Philip teach us to focus on Jesus and not self?

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3. Summarize how Nathanael was brought to Jesus?

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4. In what ways do we see Nathanael as a "seeker" and what can we learn from that?

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## Lesson 6 – Matthew and Thomas ~ Two Men Transformed

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Matthew

Thomas

## Discussion Questions

1. Summarize biblical information about Matthew.

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2. Why were tax collectors despised and how does this fit the type of individual Jesus could use in His ministry?

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3. Summarize the "great" lessons Matthew recorded in his gospel and why these are important to us.

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4. Summarize why Thomas is referred to by so many as "Doubting Thomas" and what is the true nature of Thomas?

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5. What can we learn from Thomas?

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6. What lesson do you take away from the life of Matthew and Thomas?

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## Lesson 7 – James the Less, Simon, and Judas (Not Iscariot) ~ Faces in the Crowd

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James the Less	
Simon the Zealot	
Judas (Not Iscariot)	
What we learn	

## Discussion Questions

1. Summarize biblical information about James the Less.

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2. Summarize biblical information about Simon.

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3. Describe the zealots and how this would enable Simon to serve faithfully as an apostle, and how this characteristic helps in our role as disciples.

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4. Summarize information about Judas (Not Iscariot).

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5. How do these men, with little reference in scripture, teach us in our service to Jesus?

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## Lesson 8 – Judas Iscariot ~ A Life Wasted

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Judas Iscariot

Lessons from Judas

## Discussion Questions

1. Summarize information about Judas from Scripture and why you feel he was willing to betray Jesus.

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2. How do you reconcile that Jesus chose Judas and that Judas chose to betray our Lord?

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3. Using Matthew's account of the death of Judas and the reference from Acts 1:18-19, how do you see Judas' death portrayed.

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4. We know Judas experienced remorse for his actions. How does this differ from repentance, and what can we apply from this to our relationship with Jesus?

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5. How does Judas help us look at our own life as a disciple of Jesus?

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## Lesson 9 – Matthias and Paul ~ Transition to the Future

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Matthias	
Justus	
Paul	

## Discussion Questions

1. Summarize the selection of Matthias from Acts 1:12-26 to replace Judas and what we can learn from the event.

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2. What are some lessons we can learn from Joseph, the disciple not chosen to replace Judas?

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3. Summarize the conversion of Saul (Paul) and how this changed his life.

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4. List some things we learn from Paul's conversion and life.

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## Lesson 10 – Faith ~ A Matter of Choice

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Faith ~ Knowing God, Trusting God, Obeying God	
Peter – Faith gained, weakened, and regained	
Judas Iscariot – Faith misdirected and lost	
Chose this day...	



## Discussion Questions

1. Explain the interaction of the three elements of faith: Knowing God, Trusting God, Obeying God.

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2. How did the apostles demonstrate the three elements of faith in their journey to becoming more faithful and how does this apply to us?

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3. Explain how Peter gained, weakened, and regained his faith, and how does this mirror our faith walk?

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4. Explain how Judas' faith was misdirected and lost and the warning for us.

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5. Explain how the ability to choose is a gift from God and how we should use it to put our faith into action?

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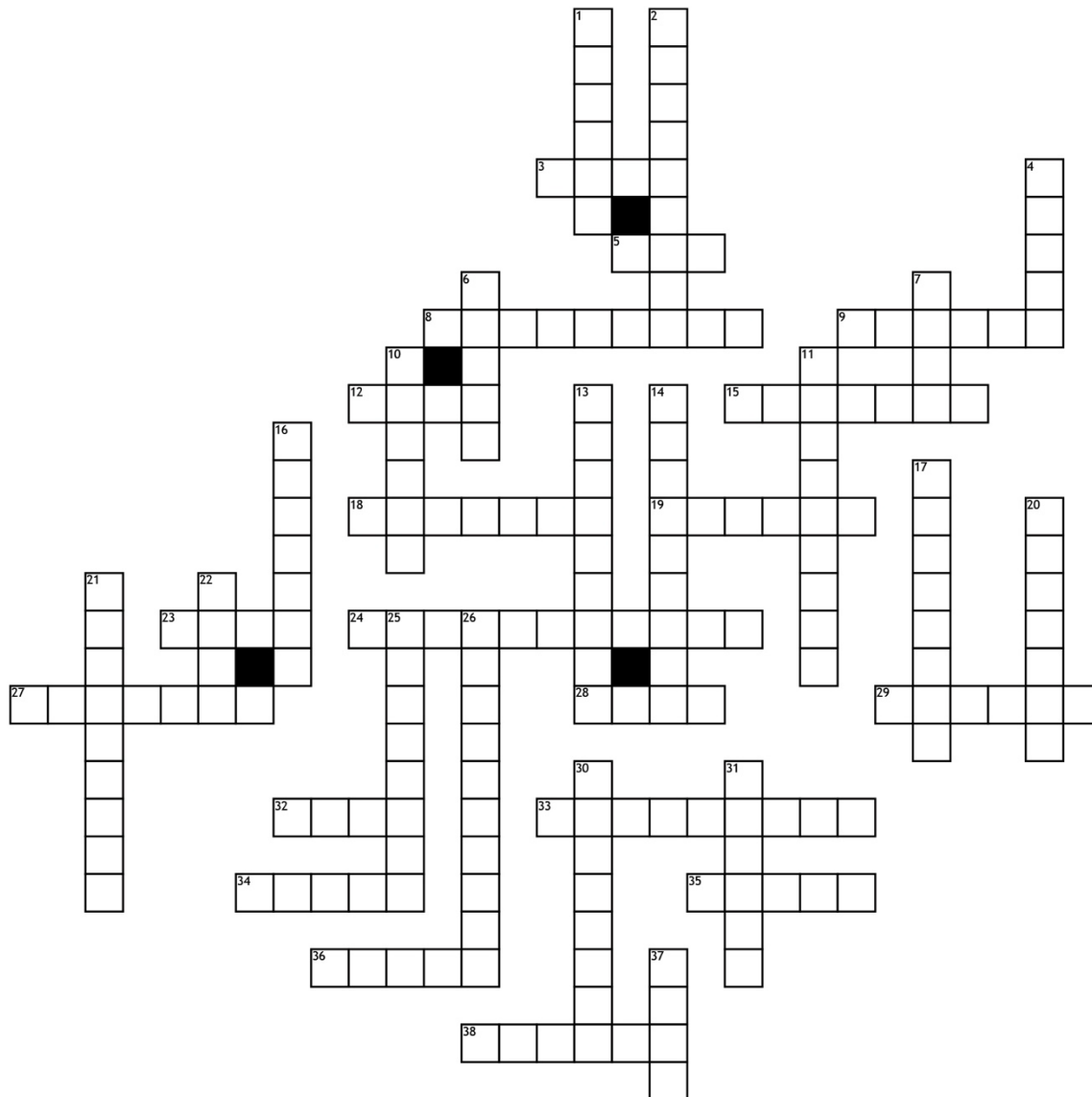
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# Twelve Were Chosen



## Across

3. What Jesus gave Peter and the other apostles to unlock the Kingdom.
5. The tree Nathanael was sitting under when Phillip told him about Jesus. (John 1:48)
8. Where Peter was from and was unofficial Headquarters for Jesus
9. What Simon was called in Luke 6:15
12. John wrote about this many times in his letters.
15. The word that describes the sent or the sent out.
18. Where Judas Iscariot was from.
19. What Peter did three times. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
23. What Jesus asked Peter three times. "Do you \_\_\_\_\_ me?"
24. How quickly Matthew followed when called by Jesus.
27. What Saul was doing in Acts 9:11

28. Best known as James the \_\_\_\_\_.
  29. Not chosen to replace Judas Iscariot (Acts 2:23).
  32. Another name for Matthew
  33. What James and John did for a living.
  34. Was also a son of Alphaeus (Matt 10:3)
  35. He was a "rock" solid guy.
  36. Betrayed Jesus
  38. What Nathanael lacked (also called guile).
- ## Down
1. Was the brother of Peter
  2. Where Philip was from.
  4. What Thomas was prone to do.
  6. What Matthew collected for a living.
  7. Was first known as Saul.
  10. What the boy had that Andrew brought to Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_ and fishes (John 6)
  11. The name Jesus gave to James and John. (Mark 3:17)

13. Also called Bartholomew.
14. Another name for Judas (Not Iscariot - Matthew 10:3)
16. The father of James and John.
17. Where Saul was going to persecute Christians (Acts 9:2)
20. Another name for Thomas. (John 11:16 - KJV)
21. What Jesus called Nathanael rather than Jew or Hebrew. (John 1:47)
22. The only apostle not killed for his faith.
25. Chosen to replace Judas Iscariot
26. What Zealots were.
30. A common term for someone that is a learner and follower of a specific teacher.
31. Philip brought two of these men to Jesus. (John 12:20-22)
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