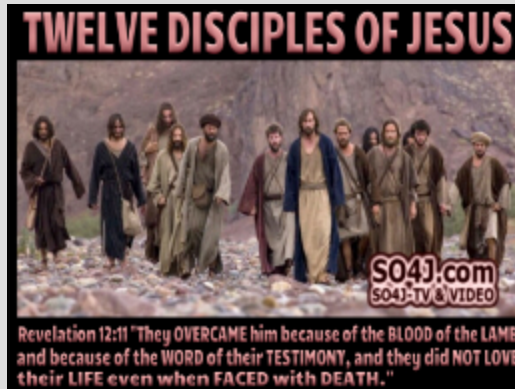


SIMON PETER

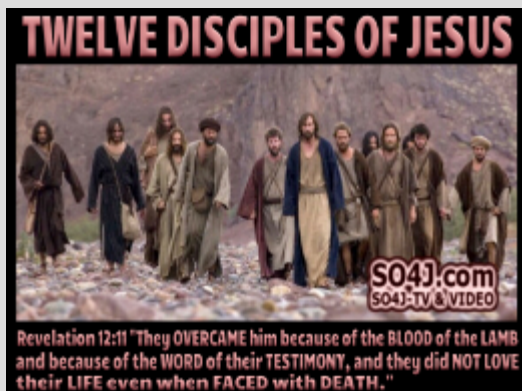


SIMON IS PETER & THE SON OF JOHN
A.K.A. Peter or Cephas meaning "Rock" (Brother of Andrew)

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Fisherman	Impulsive; later - bold in preaching about Jesus	One of Three in core group of Disciples (Peter, James, and John); recognized Jesus as the Messiah; disowned Christ and repented; preached Pentecost sermon; a leader of the Jerusalem church; baptized Gentiles; wrote 1 and 2 Peter.	Named him Peter & Cephas, which in Aramaic & Hebrew means "Rock" (John 1:42). Jesus called him "Satan" when he urged Jesus to reject the Cross; said he would become a Fisher of Men; he received revelation from God; he would disown Jesus; he would later be Crucified.
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
Christians falter at times, but when they return to Jesus, he forgives them and strengthens their faith.	He was reportedly Crucified, upside down, during the reign of Emperor Nero.	Matt 4:18-20 Mark 8:29-33 Luke 22:31-34 John 21:15-19 Acts 2:14-41 Acts 10:1-11:18	



ANDREW

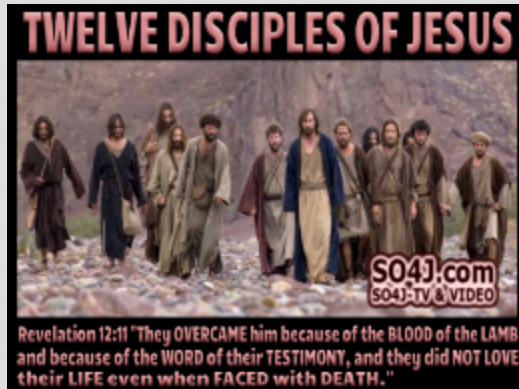


ANDREW IS PETER'S BROTHER

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Fisherman	Eager to bring others to Jesus	Accepted John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus; told Peter about Jesus; he and Philip told Jesus that Greeks wanted to see him.	Said he would become a Fisher of men.
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
Christians are to tell other people about Jesus.	The Apostle was Crucified on an X-shaped Cross, the two ends of which were in the ground.	Matt 4:18-20 John 1:35-42;6:8,9 John 12:20-22	



JOHN



**JOHN - SON OF ZEBEDEE; James the Greater's Brother;
AKA "the Disciple whom Jesus loved" "Sons of Thunder" (James & John)**

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Fisherman	Ambitious, Judgmental, later - very loving	Third disciple in core group; asked Jesus for a place of honor in his kingdom; wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan village; a leader of the Jerusalem church; wrote the Gospel of John and 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation.	Called James and John " <i>Sons of Thunder</i> "; said he would be a Fisher of men; would drink the cup Jesus drank; would take care of Jesus' Mother after Jesus' death.
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
The transforming power of the love of Christ is available to all.	He Died of Old Age.	Mark 1:19 Mark 10:35-40 Luke 9:52-56 John 19:26, 27 John 21:20-24	



JAMES THE GREATER

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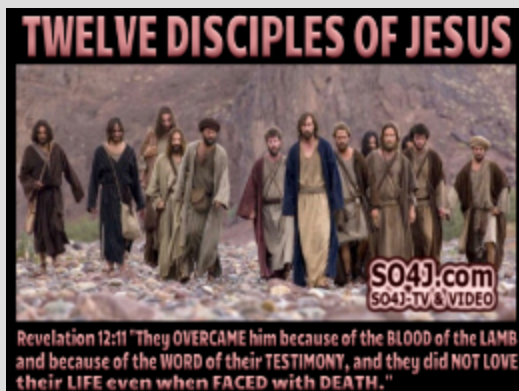
Revelation 12:11 "They OVERCAME him because of the BLOOD of the LAMB and because of the WORD of their TESTIMONY, and they did NOT LOVE their LIFE even when FACED with DEATH."

JAMES THE GREATER - is Son of Zebedee *James the Greater*; he & his younger Brother John were called the "Sons of Thunder"(James & John)

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Fisherman	Ambitious, short-tempered judgmental, deeply committed to Jesus. He did NOT write the Book of James. Jesus' half- brother James did; and that James was NOT a Disciple.	Also in core group; he and his Brother John asked Jesus for places of honor in his Kingdom; wanted to call fire down to destroy a Samaritan village; first disciple to be martyred.	Called James & John " <i>Sons of Thunder</i> "; said he would be a Fisher of men; would drink the cup Jesus drank.
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
Christians must be willing to die for Jesus.	James was killed by the sword by King Herod Agrippa (Acts 12:1-2).	Mark 3:17 Mark 10:35-40 Luke 9:52-56 Acts 12:1-2	



JAMES THE LESS

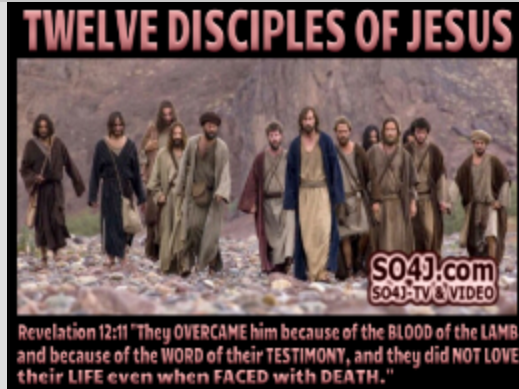


JAMES THE LESS - is Son of Alphaeus; James the Less or James the Younger-- his Mother was called "the other Mary". Some think that Matthew & he were Brothers because they were both the Sons of Alphaeus, but never called brothers.

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Unknown	Unknown. He did NOT write the Book of James, but Jesus' half-Brother James did—and that <i>other</i> James was NOT one of the 12 Disciples.	Became one of Jesus' Disciples	Unknown
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
Unknown	Was Stoned & Clubbed to Death in Jerusalem.	Matt 10:3 Mark 3:18 Luke 6:15	



MATTHEW

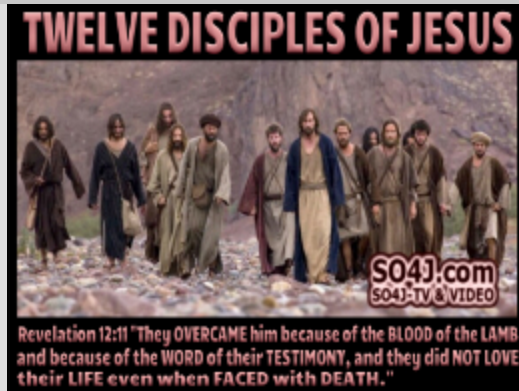


MATTHEW - Son of Alphaeus is also called Levi; Some think that Matthew & James the Less were brothers because they were both the Sons of Alphaeus, but never called brothers.

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Tax Collector	Despised outcast because of his dishonest career	Abandoned his corrupt (and financially profitable) way of life to follow Jesus; invited Jesus to a party with his notorious friends; wrote the Gospel of Matthew.	Called him to be a Disciple.
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
Christianity is not for people who think they're already good; it is for people who know they've failed and want help.	He was killed with a halberd (a pike fitted with an ax head) in Nadabah.	Matt 9:9-13 Mark 2:15-17 Luke 5:27-32	



PHILIP

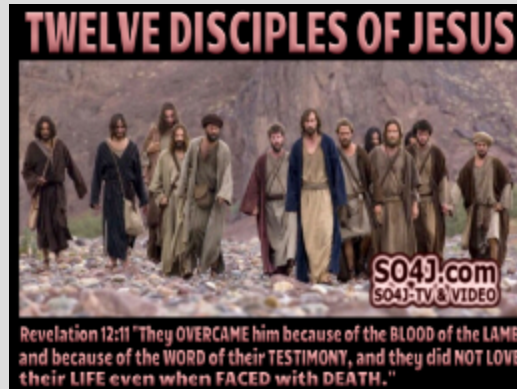


PHILIP - was Tested by Jesus ([John 6:5-6](#)). There are Two Different Philips in the Bible. There is also Philip the Evangelist, who was 1 of 7 Believers appointed by the Apostles to care for the Widows & Needy ([Acts 6:1-6](#)). Philip the Evangelist Preached & did Miracles ([Acts 8:4-6](#)), and he shared the Scriptures with the Ethiopian in Gaza (great authority) & led him to Christ ([Acts 8:26-39](#)). He led Simon the Magician to the Lord ([Acts 8:9-13](#)).

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Fisherman	Questioning attitude	Told Nathanael about Jesus; wondered how Jesus could feed 5,000; asked Jesus to show his followers God the Father; he and Andrew told Jesus that Greeks wanted to see him.	Asked if Philip realized that to know and see him was to know and to see the Father.
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
God uses our questions to teach us.	He reportedly suffered Martyrdom at Heliopolis, in Phrygia. He was severely flogged, imprisoned, and later Crucified. This is NOT the Philip mentioned in the Book of Acts	Matt 10:3 John 1:43-46;6:2-7 John 12:20-22 John 14:8-11	



BARTHOLOMEW

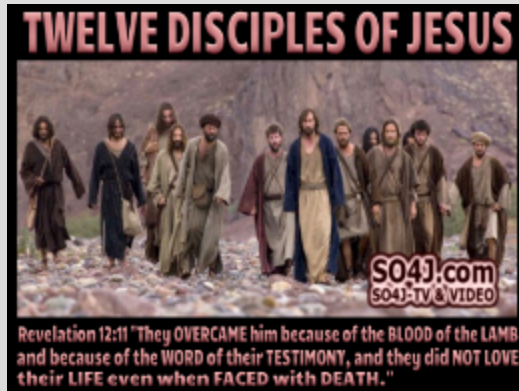


BARTHOLOMEW - is also known as Nathanael

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Unknown	Honesty & Straight forwardness	Initially rejected Jesus because Jesus was from Nazareth but acknowledged him as the "Son of God" and "King of Israel" when they met.	Called him <i>"a true Israelite"</i> and a man <i>"in whom there is nothing False."</i>
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
Jesus respects honesty in people - even if they challenge him because of it.	He was Tortured & Crucified in India.	Mark 3:18 John 1:45-51 John 21:1-13	



THOMAS

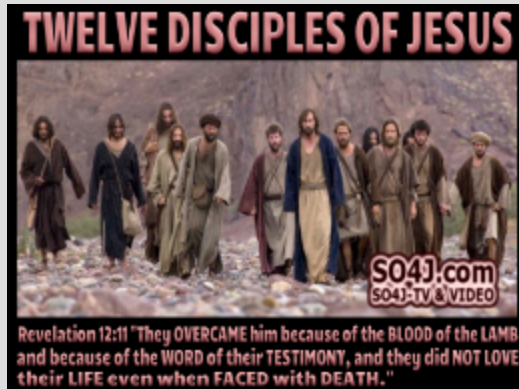


THOMAS - is known as The Twin; Didymus

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Unknown	Courage & Doubt	Suggested the Disciples go with Jesus to Bethany — even if it meant death; asked Jesus about where he was going; refused to believe Jesus was risen until he could see Jesus alive and touch his wounds.	Said Thomas believed because he actually saw Jesus after the resurrection.
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
Even when Christians experience serious doubts, Jesus reaches out to them to restore their faith.	He was reportedly killed with a Spear in India.	Matt 10:3 John 14:5 ; 20:24-29 John 21:1-13	



THADDAEUS

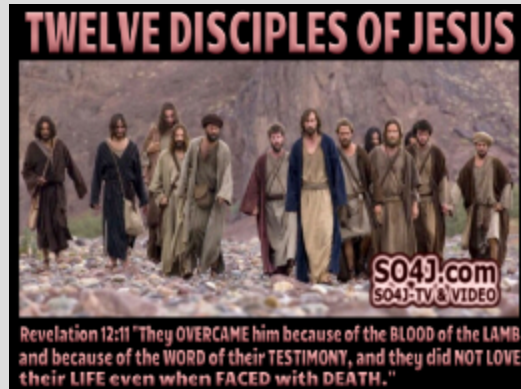


THADDAEUS - The Son of James (a.k.a. Judas) - he was the "good Judas"

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Unknown	Unknown	Asked Jesus why he would reveal himself to his followers and not to the world.	Unknown
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
Christians follow Jesus because they believe in him; they do not always understand the details of God's plan.	He was Crucified at Edessa.	Matt 10:3 Mark 3:18 John 14:22	



SIMON THE ZEALOT

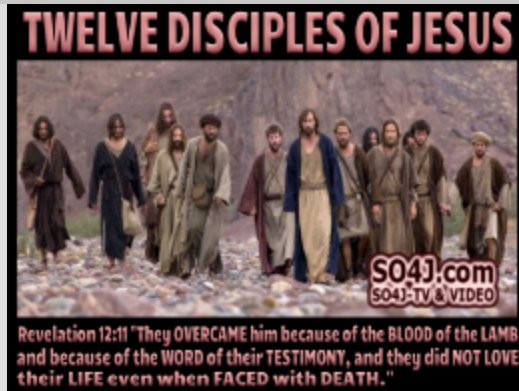


SIMON THE ZEALOT - The name Simon means "Hearkening" "Listening" "God has heard." His name Simon the Zealot helps us to differentiate between Simon Peter & himself.

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Unknown	Fierce patriotism	Became a Disciple of Jesus	Unknown
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
If we are willing to give up our plans for the future, we can participate in Jesus' plans.	He was believed to have been Crucified in what is today called Britain.	Matt 10:4 Mark 3:18 Luke 6:15 Acts 1:13	



JUDAS ISCARIOT

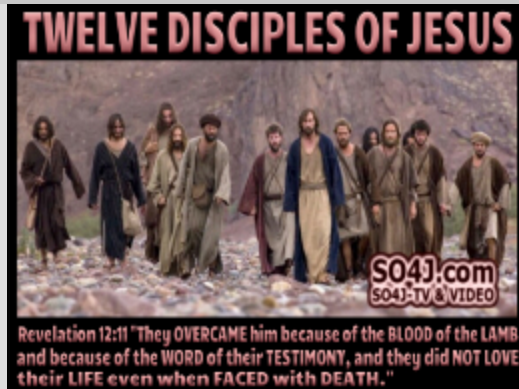


JUDAS - ALSO KNOWN AS THE BETRAYER

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Unknown	Treacherous & Greedy	Became one of Jesus' Disciples; betrayed Jesus; killed himself.	Called him " <i>a devil</i> "; said Judas would betray Jesus.
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
It is not enough to be familiar with Jesus' teachings. Jesus' true followers Love & Obey Him.	He later committed Suicide by Hanging himself.	Matt 26:20-25 Luke 22:47-48 John 12:4-8	



MATTHIAS



MATTHIAS was chosen to become the 12th Apostle after Judas Iscariot had committed suicide.

Psalms 109:8 "Let his (Judas) years be Few (a Few years with Jesus), let someone else take his position."

Matthias fulfilled this Prophecy. He was chosen to Replace Judas as one of the 12 Disciples in Acts 1:21-26.

Occupation	Characteristics	Major Life Events	What Jesus Said
Unknown	He was one of 2 men nominated (Joseph Justus— <i>aka</i> Barsabbas was too) to take Judas' place. The Assembly of 120 Prayed to God to make the right choice. They " <i>cast lots</i> " and Matthias was chosen.	He was chosen to replace Judas after Peter had recited Scripture (<u>Acts 1:15-26</u>) from some of King David's Prophecies showing their need to replace Judas. <u>Ps 69:25</u> ; <u>Ps 109:8</u> . Matthias means "Gift of God."	Unknown
Key Lesson	Death	Verses	
Unknown	He was Stoned, then Beheaded at Jerusalem.	<u>Acts 1:21-26</u>	



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