



I. Review

The Identity of the Disciples

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. (Matthew 10:2-4, NIV)

- Peter is always mentioned first
- Three groups of four members

Group 1 – Peter, Andrew, James and John

Group 2 – Philip, Bartholomew (or Nathaniel), Thomas and Matthew

Group 3 – James, Thaddeus, Simon the zealot, Judas Iscariot

- Each group contains **DECREASING** amount of information
- Each group listed in decreasing **INTIMACY** to Jesus

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. (Matthew 10:1, NIV)

He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach. (Mark 3:14, NIV)

Chosen to be **TRAINED**. Chosen to be **SENT**.

II. **ANDREW**

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-20, NIV)

A. Andrew's **PROCLAMATION**

When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36, NIV)

Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. (John 1:38-39, NIV)

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ)." (John 1:41, NIV)

B. Andrew's **POSITION** among the Disciples

C. Andrew's Defining **CHARACTERISTIC**

John 1:40
John 6
John 12

III. **JAMES**

Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (Mark 1:20, NIV)

A. Sons of **THUNDER**

James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder); (Mark 3:17, NIV)

B. Two **INCIDENTS** regarding James

(#1) As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village. (Luke 9:51-56, NIV)

*(#2) Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "**We can**," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. (Matthew 20:20-24, NIV)*

IV. **JOHN**

"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." (Mark 9:38, NIV)

A. John's **PERSONALITY**

B. Characterized by **LOVE**

1) His title of **LOVE**

*One of them, **the disciple whom Jesus loved**, was reclining next to him. (John 13:23, NIV)*

*When Jesus saw his mother there, and **the disciple whom he loved standing nearby**, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," (John 19:26, NIV)*

*So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, **the one Jesus loved, and said**, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" (John 20:2, NIV)*

***Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter**, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. (John 21:7, NIV)*

2) John's **THEOLOGY** of love

- a. God is a **GOD OF LOVE** – John 5:42
- b. God loved His **SON** – John 10:7
- c. God loved Christ's **DISCIPLES** – John 16:27
- d. God loves **ALL MEN** – John 3:16
- e. Christ expected all men to **LOVE HIM** – John 8:42
- f. Christ taught that we should love **ONE ANOTHER** – John 13:24-35

C. Characterized by **TRUTH**

- 1) Witness of **JOHN THE BAPTIST** – John 5:32-33
- 2) Witness of **SCRIPTURE** – John 5:39
- 3) Witness of the **FATHER** – John 5:37
- 4) Witness of **CHRIST HIMSELF** - John 8:14
- 5) Witness of **CHRIST'S MIRACLES** – John 5:36
- 6) Witness of the **HOLY SPIRIT** – John 15:26