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Scriptural Lists of Christ's Apostles in the Meridian of Time

Matthew 10:1-4	Mark 3:14-19	Luke 6:13-16	John 21:1-2	Acts 1:13
Simon (Peter)	Simon (surnamed Peter)	Simon (he was named Peter)	Simon Peter	Peter
Andrew (his brother)	Andrew	Andrew (his brother)		Andrew
James (son of Zebedee)	James (son of Zebedee)	James	the son of Zebedee	James
John (his brother)	John (brother of James) "He surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The Sons of Thunder." (Mark 3:17)	John	the son of Zebedee	John
Philip	Philip	Philip		Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Nathanael (of Cana in Galilee) [called Nathaniel in John 1:45-51]	Bartholomew
Thomas	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas (called Didymus)	Thomas
Matthew (the publican)	Matthew	Matthew		Matthew
James (son of Alphaeus)	James (son of Alphaeus)	James (son of Alphaeus)		James (son of Alphaeus)
Lebbaeus (surnamed Thaddaeus)	Thaddaeus	Judas (brother of James)		Judas (brother of James)
Simon (the Canaanite)	Simon (the Canaanite)	Simon (called Zelotes)		Simon Zelotes
Judas Iscariot (who betrayed him)	Judas Iscariot (who betrayed him)	Judas Iscariot (the traitor)		

Others called apostles in the Bible include: Jesus Christ (Heb. 3:1); Paul (Ro. 1:1; 11:13; 1 Cor. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:1; 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:1, 11; Tit. 1:1); Matthias (Acts 1:21-26); James the Lord's brother (Gal. 1:10); and Barnabas (Acts 14:4, 14).

The names of the Twelve "Disciples" in The Book of Mormon are listed in 3 Nephi 19:4. They are: Nephi and his brother Timothy, Nephi's son Jonas; Mathoni and his brother Mathonihah; Kumen; Kumenonhi; Jeremiah; Shemnon; Jonas; Zedekiah; and Isaiah.

Notles on Christ's Apostles in the Meridian of Time

Simon Peter (*rock*)

Simon was the son of Jonah and Johanna, the brother of Andrew, and a cousin of James and John. He was born in Bethsaida, but lived during Christ's ministry in a house in Capernaum with his wife and mother-in-law. He was a well-to-do fisherman in partnership with his father Jonah, his uncle Zebedee, his brother Andrew, and his cousins James and John. When he was called to follow Jesus, his house in Capernaum became a headquarters for Christ during His Galilean ministry.

He quickly rose to the inner circle of the three disciples closest to Jesus and is the best known of the twelve. He was chosen by Christ to be the leader of the Church after His ascension, and he wrote the two epistles of Peter.

From AD 44 to 61 he labored in Syrian towns, with Antioch as his center. In his later life, he traveled to Rome. It is believed that while in Rome, he wrote his personal history with John Mark as his scribe, which became the New Testament gospel of Mark.

Tradition states that he was crucified by the Romans, upside down, in AD 64 or 65.

Scriptural passages concerning Peter are *Mathew* 4:18-20; 10:2-4; 14:22-33; 15:15-20; 16:13-20; 17:1-9, 24-27; 18:21-35; 19:27-30; 26:30-75; *Mark* 3:13-19; 5:37-43; 8:27-33; 9:2-13; 10:28-31; 11:20-26; 13:3-37; 14:26-72; 16:7; *Luke* 5:1-11; 6:13-16; 8:43-56; 9:18-36; 12:41-59; 18:28-34; 22:7-62; 24:12; *John* 1:37-51; 6:66-71; 13:1-10; 36-38; 18:1-27; 20:1-10; 21:1-25; *Acts* 1:1-25; 2:14-41; 3:1-4:32; 5:1-42; 8:14-25; 9:32-43; 10:1-48; 11:1-18; 12:1-19; 15:1-12; *Gal.* 1:18; 2:78, 11-21; 1 *Peter*; 2 *Peter*.

Andrew (*manly*)

Andrew was the son of Jonah and Johanna, the brother of Simon Peter, and a cousin of James and John. He was a fisherman in partnership with his father Jonah, his uncle Zebedee, his brother Simon Peter, and his cousins James and John. He was an early disciple of John the Baptist and became a follower of Christ after Jesus' baptism. Thus, he and Philip became the first two to be called Jesus' apostles. Although he brought his brother Peter and others to Christ, he unselfishly dropped to a supporting role for his brother.

Tradition states he was crucified in Achaia (Greece), tied to an X-shaped cross.

Scriptures telling about him are *Mathew* 4:18-20; 10:2; *Mark* 1:16, 29; 13:3; *John* 1:40, 44; 6:8; 12:22.

James (*James the Great*)

[His name is the English form of Jacob.] He was the older brother of John. They were sons of Zebedee and Salome and were first cousins of Jesus since Salome probably was a sister to Mary. Jesus called James and John "Boanerges" (sons of thunder).

James was the second disciple of the inner circle (Peter, James, and John). They were with the Lord on several special occasions: at the raising of the daughter of Jairus (*Mark* 5:37), at the Transfiguration (*Mathew* 17:1; *Mark* 9:2; and *Luke* 9:28) and at Gethsemane (*Mathew* 26:37; *Mark* 14:33). He probably was the father of Jude.

James was the first martyred apostle, being beheaded by Herod Agrippa 1 (*Acts* 12:1-19).

See also *Mark* 10:30, 41; 13:3; *Luke* 8:51, 9:54.

John

He was the son of Zebedee and Salome, the younger brother of **James**, and they were first cousins of Jesus. He also was a cousin on his father's side of **Peter** and **Andrew** and probably was an uncle of **Jude**. He was called "*the beloved*" (*John* 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20) and was the third member of the inner circle who was with Jesus at the raising of Jairus's daughter, at the Transfiguration, and in Gethsemane. A fisherman by trade, He was a disciple of John the Baptist.

While He hung from the cross, Jesus gave him the responsibility of caring for His mother, Mary. John preached in Ephesus, was exiled to the isle of Patmos, and was last heard of in Ephesus about AD 100. He was given the privilege of remaining on the earth as a ministering servant until the time of the Lord's second coming (*John* 21:20-23; *3 Nephi* 28:6-10; *D&C* 7:1-8)

He wrote the gospel of John, the three epistles of John, and the New Testament Book of Revelation. [See *1 Nephi* 14:18-27; *D&C* 20:35; 77:1-15.] See *Mark* 9:38; 10:35-40; *Luke* 9:54; 22:8; *John* 18:15; 19:26-27; 20:2; 21:2; *Acts* 3:1, 11; 4:13; 8:14; *Gal.* 2:9; *Rev.* 1:9.

Phillip (*lover of horses*)

Phillip was from Bethsaida and was a close friend of **John** and **Andrew**. He was with Andrew when they were called by Jesus, and he soon shared their new beliefs with **Bartholomew** (Nathanael). He was a liberal Jew, and must have had some Greek influence in his life—his name is Greek, and he served as a liaison between Jesus and the Greeks. See *Mathew* 10:3; *Mark* 3:18; *Luke* 6:14; *John* 1:43-46; 6:5, 7; 12:21-22; 14:8-9.

Tradition says he was crucified in Phrygia.

Bartholomew (*God has given*) (also known as Nathanael)

He was a son of Tolmai, from Cana, and of the tribe of Naphtali. He was possibly from a wealthy family. In the Biblical narrative he is usually mentioned with Philip, and they were probably friends before joining the disciples. Jesus called him "*an Israelite without guile.*" He was called Nathanael in *John* 1:45-51 and 21:2. See also *Mathew* 10:3; *Mark* 3:18; *Luke* 6:14; *Acts* 1:13.

According to tradition, he was flayed, beheaded, or crucified in India or Armenia.

Thomas (*Didymus*) (He could have been a twin, since Didymus means twin in Greek.)

He was a fisherman from Bethsaida and a boyhood friend of **John**. He is best known as the one who had to personally see Christ before he would believe in His resurrection, thus giving rise to the expression "*doubting Thomas.*" See also *Mathew* 10:3; *Mark* 3:18; *Luke* 6:15; *John* 11:16; 14:5; 20:24, 28; 21:2; *Acts* 1:13.

Tradition states that he was killed by a lance in India or Persia.

Matthew

Also known as Levi (*gift of God*) before his conversion, Matthew was the son of Alphaeus and Mary and a brother of another apostle, **James** the lesser. They were from Capernaum, and probably of the tribe of Levi. He was educated, a Publican, and a tax collector In Capernaum.

He wrote the New Testament gospel of Matthew, which shows he had a thorough understanding of the Old Testament scriptures because he depicted many events in the Savior's life as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. See also *Mathew* 9:9-13; *Mark* 2:14-17; *Luke* 5:27-32. He was called Levi the son of Alphaeus in *Mark* 22:14.

Tradition asserts that he was killed by fire, a sword, or a spear in Ethiopia.

James *(James the lesser)*

A brother of Matthew, he was the son of Alphaeus and Mary. (She is also identified as the wife of Cleophas, another form of Alphaeus.) He was from Capernaum, and of the tribe of Levi. His mother probably was a first cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. He may have been a Zealot. He was known as James the Lesser, probably because he was younger or smaller than the other apostle James, the son of Zebedee.

Traditions concerning his death disagree. He may have been thrown off the temple wall by the Jews, or he may have been crucified in Persia.

See also: *Mathew 13:55; Mark 6:3; Jude 1:1; Acts 12:17; 15:13; 21:18; Gal. 2:9-12; 1 Cor. 15:7.*

Lebbaeus *(hearty)*

His surname was **Thaddaeus** *(dear one)*, and he was also called **Judas** *(a derivative of “Judah”)*. He was known as the brother of James, but the James referred to is unidentified (*Luke 6:16*). One tradition says he was the son of James (the apostle), which if true, would make him the grandson of Zebedee, the nephew of John, and a first cousin once removed of Jesus. Another tradition says that he was the son of James. He was a Galilean fisherman of the tribe of Judah. He should not be confused with Jude, the brother of Jesus (*Mathew 13:55*).

Tradition says he was crucified at Edessa or Persia. See also: *Mathew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13.*

Simon

Simon, also called **Zelotes**, was probably a member of the Zealots, a nationalistic sect that sought the overthrow of both the Jewish and Roman jurisdictions. (This was the direct opposite of Mathew’s views as a Publican.) [He also was called the Cananaean (not Canaanite as in the NIV), a word formed from the Aramaic word *Kanan*, which is the Greek equivalent of the word Zealot.] He was a fisherman from Cana.

According to tradition, he preached in Britain and was crucified either in Britain or Persia. See also: *Mathew 10:4; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13.*

Judas Iscariot

He was from Kerioth, a village in southern Judah. Judas was the only disciple who was not from Galilee. His father’s name was Simon, and he was of the tribe of Judah.

He was called the treasurer of the twelve. He betrayed Jesus to the Jewish authorities, then hung himself just before the Lord was crucified. See also: *Mathew 10:4; 26:14; Mark 3:19; 14:10; Luke 6:16; 22:3; John 6:41; 12:4; 13:2, 26; Acts 1:16, 25.*

Interesting Connections:

Two sets of brothers:	Simon Peter and Andrew	Matthew and James (the Lesser)
Same names:	Simon Peter and Simon (Zelotes)	James (the Great) and James (the Lesser)
Same names:	Judas Iscariot	Judas Lebbaeus Thaddaeus

Cousins of Jesus:

James (the Great)	His mother, Salome, was Jesus’ mother Mary’s sister(?)
John	His mother, Salome, was Jesus’ mother Mary’s sister(?)
Matthew	His mother, Mary, wife of Cleophas) was a 1st cousin of Jesus’ mother Mary
James (the Lesser)	His mother, Mary, wife of Cleophas) was a 1st cousin of Jesus’ mother Mary