

# Questions for Gospel Harmony #32

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Matthew 10.2-4; Mark 3.13-19; Luke 6.12-16

1. What did Jesus do before selecting His apostles? What was the purpose of this action? (Mark 3.13; Luke 6.12)
  
2. What does the word “disciple” mean? What does the word “apostle” mean? What significance, if any, is there in Jesus selecting 12 apostles? What were Jesus’ intentions for these twelve apostles? (Mark 3.14-5; Luke 6.13)

Special Question: The names of the Apostles are listed four times: Matthew 10.2-4; Mark 3.16-19; Luke 6.14-16; Acts 1.13. What, if any, meaningful differences do you see in the listings? What might these differences mean?

Special Question: Answer the following questions about the Apostles –

- Why is Peter always named first? What does the name “Peter” mean? Why did Jesus give Simon this name?
- Why did Jesus call James and John, “Boanerges”?
- By what other name is the apostle Bartholomew known?
- Simon (not Peter) is called a Cananite by Matthew. What does this mean?
- Each list makes a statement about Judas Iscariot. Based on these statements, do you think Judas was always a hypocrite, or that in the beginning he was a true disciple?

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### The Selection of the Twelve Disciples

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out, up on the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. And from them He chose (appointed) twelve that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons: whom He named apostles. The names of the apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called, whom He also named, Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder"; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus (Judas the son of James); Simon the Cananite, called the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him (became a traitor).