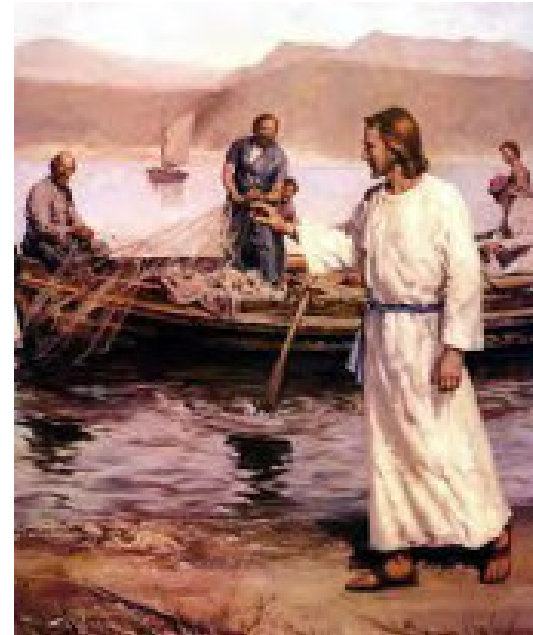


Interesting Facts About the Apostles

- The names are listed in four places
 - Matthew 10:2-4
 - Mark 3:16-19
 - Luke 6:12-19
 - Acts 1:11
- Some of them had two names:
 - Either a surname
 - Or a given name
- Of the twelve:
 - Four were fishermen
 - One was a publican (tax collector)
 - One a zealot
 - Not know what the others were
- Two families were partners in the fishing business:
 - James & John with Zebedee their father
 - Simon and Andrew
- Eleven of the 12 were apostles were Galileans. Judas was the only Judean
- Not one of the 12 was a “professional” religionist
- Peter, James, & John composed the “inner circle” of the apostles
- Jesus renamed Peter:
 - Simon was his natural name
 - His new name was “Peter” (Greek), “Cephas” (Aramais) Both meaning “Rock.”
- Peter
 - Was brought to Jesus by his brother Andrew
 - A native of Bethsaida (John 1:44)
 - Had a home in Capernaum (Mark 1:29)
 - Was a partner in the fishing business with James and John
 - Had a wife (Matthew 8:14; Mark 1:30; Luke 4:38)
 - His wide accompanied him in his apostolic travels (1 Cor. 9:5)
- James
 - Was the older brother of John
 - Was the first apostle to die. Killed by Herod in A.D. 44



- John
 - Is know as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 13:23)
 - Had a house in Jerusalem (John 19:27)
 - Would have been a cousin of Jesus if Salome, his mother, and Mary were sisters
 - Employed “hired servants” (Mark 1:16-20)
 - Was a personal acquaintance of the high Priest (John 18:15-16)
 - Jesus nicknamed him :Son of Thunder” (Mark 3:17)
- Thomas was a twin
- Philip brought Nathaniel to Jesus
- James “The Less” was perhaps so called due to his little stature
- Among the 12 apostles, Jesus selected a publican and a zealot. During the 1st Century these two factions were bitter rivals.