

## 12 men who knew Jesus

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324

381

Luke 6:12-16



## Jesus was all night in prayer

"he called his disciples, and chose from  
them twelve."

Luke 6:13



# The Disciples of Jesus

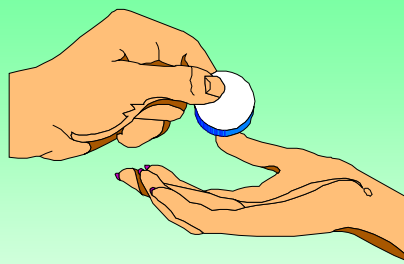


***“We have found the Messiah”***

**Fishermen**



**A tax collector**



**Ordinary people**

**The facts of Scripture are Genuine**



## **The 12 Disciples**

**Matthew 10:2, Mark 3:16, Luke 6:13, Acts 1:13**

**Simon Peter and Andrew**

**James and John (the Sons of Zebedee)**

Philip

Bartholomew (Nathanael)

Matthew (Levi) the son of Alphaeus

Thomas (Didymus, twin)

**James the less, son of Alphaeus**

**Judas (Lebbaeus Thaddaeus) son of James less**

**Simon the Canaanite (Zelotes)**

Judas Iscariot

# What do we know?

Nothing much about:-

**Simon Zelotes**

**James son of Alphaeus and Judas (John 14:22)**

Fragments about:-

**Andrew (John 12:22)**

**James son of Zebedee (17 times)**

**Philip (John 1:44, 6:5-6, 14:8)**

**Bartholomew (John 1:45-49)**

**Thomas (John 11:16, 14:5, 20:27)**

**Matthew (Luke 5:27-)**

More information about:-

**Simon Peter, John, Judas Iscariot**

## Where did they come from?



## Sons of Zebedee

" And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their **father Zebedee** in the boat with the hired servants and followed him."

(Mark 1:19-20)

**They had hired servants - fairly wealthy**

## James and John

**Dispute as to who should be the greatest - Mark 9:33**

**Mark 10:35-44** Their mother asks for James and John to have a special position

**WHY?**

## The Golden Thread

Mark 9:33

Mark 10:35-44

Mark 15:40

John 19:25

Matthew 27:56

## The Women at the Crucifixion

Matthew 27:56

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2. Mary the mother of James and Joses
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Mark 15:40

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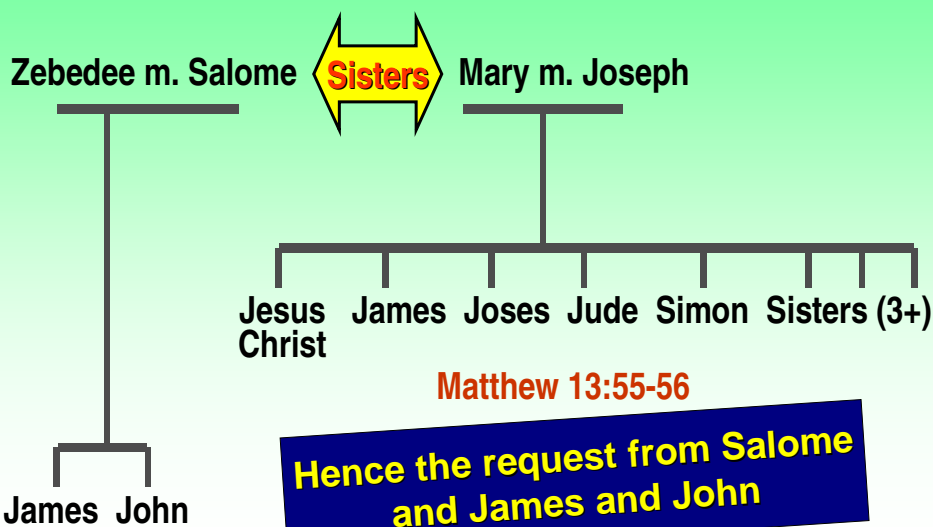
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2. Mary the wife of Cleophas (Clopas)
3. his mother's sister
4. his mother

## Woman number 3

- The mother of Zebedee's sons
  - therefore the wife of Zebedee
- She was named "Salome"
- She was sister to Mary the mother of Jesus
  - therefore - Aunt to Jesus



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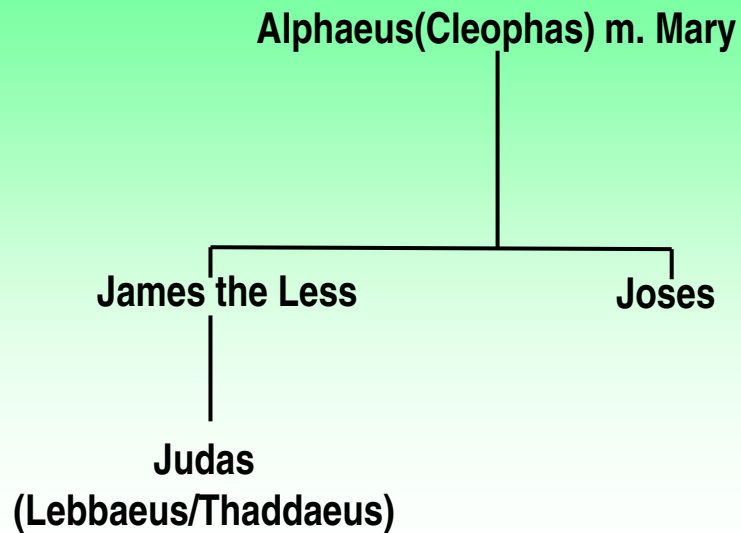
## Woman number 2

- Mary (the mother of James the less and Joses) is called "the wife of Cleophas"
- But James the less is described as a "son of Alphaeus", so

Cleophas = Alphaeus

"Cleophas" and "Alphaeus" are both  
Greek versions of the same  
Hebrew name "Chalpai"

## Family of Alphaeus & Mary

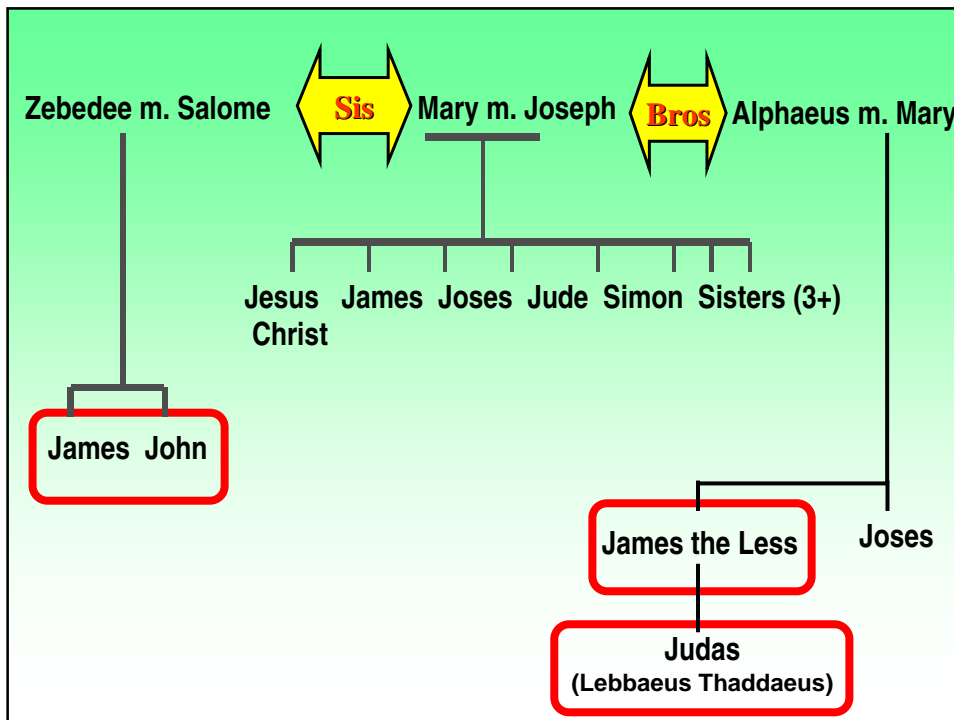


## Alphaeus (Cleophas)

**Eusebius of Caesarea (AD 269-339) states that:**

**Alphaeus was the brother of Joseph (the step father of Jesus)**

**He quotes from an earlier writer - Hegesippus (c. AD 160)**



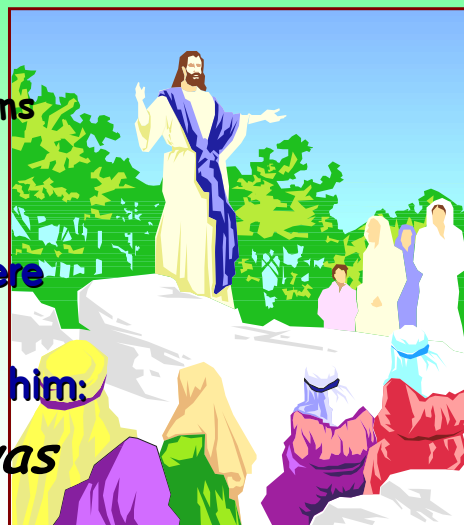
## A Family Affair

Those closest to Jesus would know:

the truth of his claims  
any secrets he had  
if he was genuine

Only some disciples were related to Jesus

The others got to know him:  
*and knew he was true*

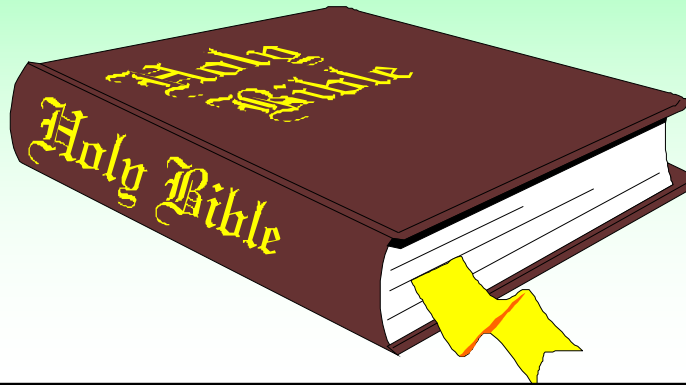


# The Bible

Eyewitness accounts of Jesus

Parts written by some disciples

Gospels of Matthew and John



## Peter and his son

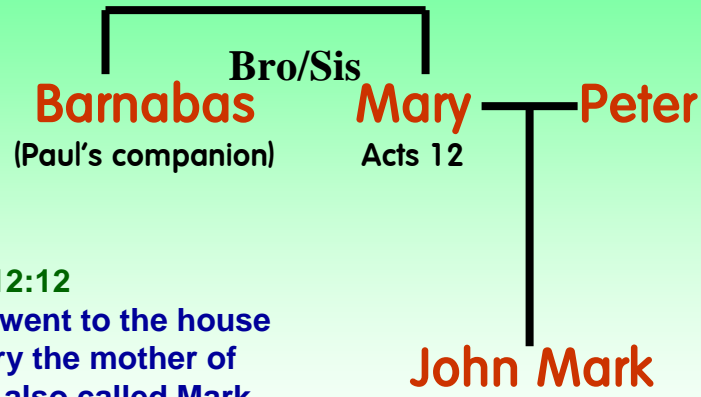
Peter was the father of John Mark  
(Authorised Version - Marcus)

"She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does **Mark, my son.**"

(1 Peter 5:13)

**Mark's Gospel - Peter's eyewitness account**

# The Family of Peter



Acts 12:12  
Peter went to the house  
of Mary the mother of  
John, also called Mark

Colossians 4:10  
Aristarchus sends  
the cousin (or sister)

Hence – Peter went home when  
released from prison in Acts 12

# The Guide Book

Accurate accounts by eyewitnesses

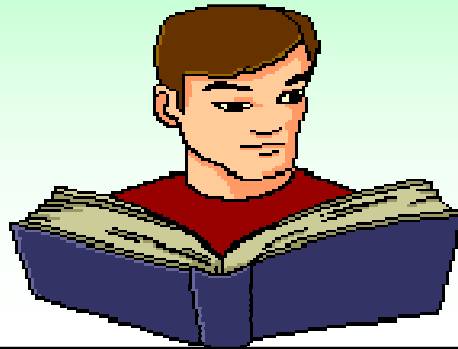
*Your* guide for life



# God's Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:15

... from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



# 12 men

## 12 ordinary people

Eleven men were so convinced of the Truth about Jesus that they went on to turn the World upside down

One man betrayed him

*Can you be a follower of Jesus?*

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