

(The Last Supper by Leonardo DaVinci)

What we learned in Sunday School on

April 19, 2015

Who are the rest of the disciples? Below are the names of the twelve disciples. The names of the disciples we have already learned about are highlighted in yellow.

Andrew

Bartholomew / Nathanael

James, the Elder

James, the Lesser or Younger

John

Judas

Jude / Thaddeus

Matthew / Levi

Peter or Simon Peter

Philip

Simon the Zealot

Thomas

When we talked about James and John (brothers), we mentioned that there was another disciple named James. James, brother to John, is called James the Elder. The other James is called **James the Lessor or the Younger**, and lived in Galilee. He is the brother of the disciple Jude (Thaddeus) and is the son of Alpheus and Mary. He was a fiery individual. He preached the gospel in Egypt and was crucified there. His brother, **Jude**, is referred to as "Trinomious" which means "a man with three names": Jude, Thaddeus, or Lebbeus. His last name is Thaddeus. He is also sometimes called Judas the Zealot. He preached the gospel in Edessa near the Euphrates River and healed many people. He was killed with arrows at Ararat.

Bartholomew Nathanael, son of Talmaj, lived in Cana of Galilee. Many scholars believe that he was the only one of the 12 disciples who came from royal blood. Nathanael was his first name. He was one of the most adventurous missionaries preaching in Phrygia, Hierapolis, Armenia and India. He killed in India being flayed alive with knives.

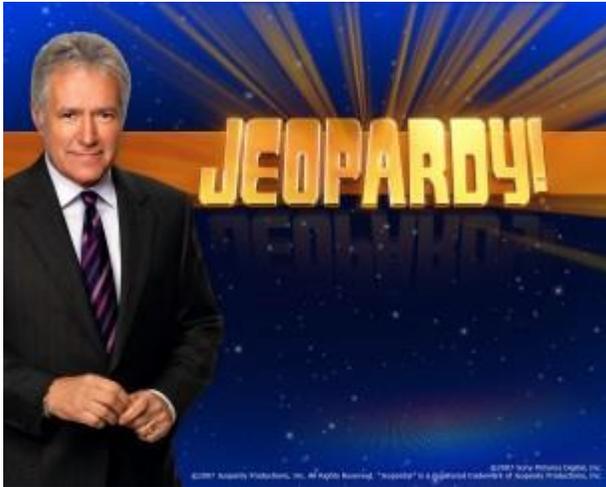
Simon, the Zealot was one of the little-known disciples. He was called the Canaanite or Zelotes, and lived in Galilee. Tradition says he was crucified. Zealots were fanatical Jewish Nationalists who had heroic disregard for the suffering involved in the struggle against the Romans and for what they regarded as the purity of their faith. The Zealots were crazed with hatred for the Romans or anyone who compromised to work with the Romans.

Judas Iscariot, the traitor, was the son of Simon who lived in Kerioth of Judah. He betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver and afterwards hanged himself (Matthew 26:14,16). He was a Judean and the rest of the disciples were Galileans. He was the treasurer of the group and sometimes stole money from them. He was a violent Jewish Nationalist who had followed Jesus hoping his nationalistic dreams would come true if Jesus was successful and the Romans defeated. It was courageous, rewarding and difficult to be a disciple. Many of them were killed for their teachings and beliefs.

We should be glad that in our times, believers of Jesus don't have to worry

about being killed. Have a safe week.

Jess and Liz



What we learned in Sunday School on April 26, 2015

We have been learning about the disciples since the first Sunday in February. Last week, we finished up. There was a lot to learn. Today, to see how much we remember, we played Bible Jeopardy. Jeopardy is a game where the answer is given by Alex Trebek, and the contestant has to come up with the question. For example, what would be the questions for the answers John, Judas, 30 silver coins, Andrew and fishermen?

- Who was the only disciple who died of old age?
- Who was the disciple who took his own life?
- What was the amount Judas received for betraying Jesus?
- Who was the disciple who was crucified on the cross shaped like an X?
- What was the most common job of the disciples before they became disciples?

As we have learned about the disciples, we have worked on a "Fishers of Men" mobile. We hope this helps your child remember the disciples. Repetition in learning helps us all to remember.

Have a great week. It's finally getting to be nice out. Liz and Jess