

## The 12 Disciples in *The Chosen*



**Simon Peter:** Bible, *church history*:

- fisherman; one of Big 3 disciples
- “Rock” – to be foundation of Church
- Denied Jesus; was restored
- Led Church in Jerusalem (Acts 1-12); then *went to Rome; 20-25 years later, he was crucified upside down*
- *Mark’s Gospel = Peter’s account*

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- Miraculous catch of fish pays off big debt to Romans
- Has animosity toward Matthew (because of debt)
- Wife Eve has miscarriage
- Befriends Roman (Gauis)



**Andrew:** Bible, *church history*:

- brother of Simon Peter; fisherman
- disciple of John the Baptist
- Recruited Peter; was positive (John 6:8-9) and approachable (Jn 12:20-22)
- *5 missionary journeys, incl. Greece, Turkey, Serbia, Ukraine, Egypt*
- *Was crucified on X-shaped cross*

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- nothing major



**“Big” James:** Bible, *church history*:

- son of Zebedee; fisherman
- one of the Big 3 disciples
- Is the patron saint of Spain (*where he preached, established church*)
- first disciple martyred (Acts 12)

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- Father starts olive oil business to support Jesus



**John:** Bible, *church history*:

- brother of “Big” James; fisherman
- one of the Big 3 disciples
- only disciple at the Cross; charged to take care of Jesus’s mother Mary
- *Established church in Ephesus*
- Wrote fourth Gospel, 1-3 John, Revelation

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- Father starts olive oil business to support Jesus
- He and Matthew write down notes at various events



**Thomas:** Bible, *church history*:

- Name means “The Twin”; *fisherman*
- Was only disciple not to see Jesus on Easter night; doubted Jesus rose until he saw Jesus alive (John 20:24-29)
- Is the patron saint of India: *preached there (using Matthew’s Gospel) and probably was killed there*

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- Meets Jesus at the wedding in Cana; leaves business to follow Jesus
- Manages Ramah’s father’s wine business
- Is in love with and becomes betrothed to Ramah



**Philip:** Bible, *church history*:

- disciple of John the Baptist
- John 1:43-51, 6:5-7, 12:20-22, 14:6-10
- Same Philip discussed in Acts 8 and Acts 21?
- *May have ministered in Turkey, Tunisia, northern Africa*

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- Is a mentor to other disciples (e.g. Matthew)



**Matthew (Levi):** Bible, church history:

- former tax collector
- Wrote the Gospel that bears his name – target audience: Jews
- *Wrote it initially in Aramaic or Hebrew*
- *Preached in Syria, Media, Persia, Parthia, and Ethiopia*
- *Martyred in Ethiopia*

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- Is (mildly) autistic
- friends w/ Roman (Gauis) who looks out for him
- Likes Mary Magdelene
- Has to learn Judaism
- Helps with Sermon on Mount



**Nathaniel:** Bible, church history:

- a.k.a. Bartholomew
- John 1:43-51
- *May have ministered in:*
  - *Turkey w/ Philip*
  - *Parthia w/ Andrew*
  - *Egypt w/ Peter*
  - *India*

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- architect who suffers a major career setback



**Simon the Zealot:** Bible, church history:

- *No consensus on what “the Zealot” meant*
- *Probably spread the gospel to the present-day country of Georgia, over 1,000 miles from Jerusalem*

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- *The Chosen* portrays “Z” as a political Zealot, similar to Barabbas
- Man healed at the Pool of Bethesda is Simon’s brother; healing causes Simon to leave Zealots, join disciples



**Thaddeus:** Bible, church history:

- a.k.a. Judas son of James
- Speaks in John 14:22
- Often mentioned with “Z”
- *May have ministered in Syria, Armenia, and with “Z” in Parthia (Iraq)*
- *May have been martyred with “Z” – clubbed to death or sawn in two*

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- first disciple



**“Little” James:** Bible, church history:

- Younger or shorter than “Big” James
- *May have been a brother of Matthew*
- *Ministered in Parthia (Iran)*
- *May have ministered in Egypt*
- *nickname: “The Divine Seed”*
- *Paintings show him with club or staff, indicating how he was martyred*

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- Has a significant physical affliction
- Jesus refuses to heal him of it



**Judas Iscariot:** Bible, church history:

- Handled moneybag (John 12:4-7)
- Jesus knew Judas would betray him (John 6:66-71)
- 30 pieces: Matthew 26:14-16
- kiss: Luke 22:47-48
- Jesus submits (John 18:1-12); Judas repents, hangs himself (Mt 27:3-10)

*Chosen* adds/changes:

- businessman who wants to use his skills for Jesus
- Season 5 gives a plausible explanation for why Judas betrayed Jesus