

*JESUS THROUGH
THE EYES OF
MATTHEW*

Who Are These Guys?

Questions to Consider

- **Why is authority given?**
- **What does it say about the person receiving authority?**
- **What does it say about the person giving away authority?**

Authority

- 1. God is the author of all authority. All authority originates with God and comes from God**
- 2. Jesus received His authority on earth from God**

Authority

- 3. Jesus shared the authority given Him by God with His apostles according to God's plan**

Authority

- 4. Authority is always given with the expectation that it will be exercised on behalf of and in accord with the desires of the bestower**

Authority

- 5. Authority is only given to those who have earned the trust of the bestower and is only given in proportion to the extent that trust has been earned**

Authority

6. **The greater the authority the greater the responsibility. The greater the responsibility the greater the accountability**

Questions to Consider

What kind of men did Jesus give authority to? Who were they?

What does the Bible tell us about these men?

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Matthew 10:1-4

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1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

**3 Philip and Bartholomew;
Thomas and Matthew the tax
collector; James the son of
Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;**

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The Twelve

- 1. Simon who is called Peter**
- 2. Andrew, his brother**
- 3. James, son of Zebedee**
- 4. John, his brother**

The Twelve

5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew the tax collector

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10. Thaddaeus

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Simon Peter

- **Galilean fisherman – Mt. 4:18**
- **Brother of Andrew – Mt. 4:18**
- **Married – Mt. 8:14**
- **Called by Jesus to walk on water – Mt. 14:28**

Simon Peter

- **Recognized Jesus as the Christ – Mt. 16:13-16**
- **Father's name was Jonah (John) – Mt. 16:17**
- **With Jesus, James & John on Mt. of Transfiguration – Mt. 17:1**

Simon Peter

- **Told by Jesus to catch a fish and find coins to pay temple tax – Mt. 17:24-27**
- **Asked Jesus how many times do I have to forgive – Mt. 18:21-22**

Simon Peter

- **With Jesus, James & John in Gethsemane – Mt. 26:36-46**
- **Denied Jesus 3x – Mt. 26:69-75**
- **Author of 1st & 2nd Peter**
- **Died in Rome ca. 65-67AD, tradition says crucified upside down**

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Andrew

- **Appears only 12x in NT**
- **Galilean fisherman – Mt. 4:18**
- **Brother of Simon Peter – Mt. 4:18**
- **Father's name was Jonah (John) – Mt. 16:17**

Andrew

- **Lived with his brother, Simon Peter, in Capernaum – Mk. 1:21-29**
- **Questioned Jesus about Temple prophecy – Mk. 13:3**

Andrew

- **Brought boy with loaves & fishes to Jesus to feed the 5000 – Jn. 6:8**
- **Said to have been crucified on an “x” shaped cross @60AD in Greek city of Patras**

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- Brother of John– Mt. 4:21
- Father's name was Zebedee –
Mt. 4:21
- Mother was Salome – Mt. 27:56
+ Mk. 15:40

James, Son of Zebedee

- **With Jesus, Peter & John on Mt. of Transfiguration – Mt. 17:1**
- **With Jesus, Peter & John in Gethsemane – Mt. 26:36-46**
- **With brother John, given name “Sons of Thunder” – Mk. 3:17**

James, Son of Zebedee

- With Jesus, Peter & John when Jairus' daughter was healed – Mk. 5:36-38
- With brother John, asked Jesus if they could sit on either side of Jesus in heaven – Mk. 10:35-45

James, Son of Zebedee

- **With brother John, wanted to call down fire from heaven to destroy Samaritans – Lk. 9:53-55**
- **First of the twelve to be killed, executed by King Herod Agrippa I @44AD – Acts 12:1-2**

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- **With Peter, sent by Jesus to prepare for Passover – Lk. 22:7-9**

John, Son of Zebedee

- **With Peter, healed beggar on the way to temple, was arrested, and later released – Acts 3-4**
- **With some debate, generally accepted as author of John's Gospel, I, II, III John, and Revelation**

John, Son of Zebedee

- Also, with some debate, is generally believed to be the “beloved disciple” or “disciple whom Jesus loved” mentioned 6x in John’s gospel

John, Son of Zebedee

- Church tradition holds that John was the only one of the twelve to die a natural death @100AD in Ephesus

Matthew 10:3

**3 Philip and Bartholomew;
Thomas and Matthew the tax
collector; James the son of
Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;**

Philip

- **Galilean, originally from Bethsaida – Jn 1:43-44**
- **Met Jesus and then went and told Nathanael – Jn. 1:45**

Philip

- **Asked by Jesus where they could buy bread for the 5000, told Jesus 200 denarii was not enough – Jn. 6:5-7**

Philip

- **Asked Jesus to show the disciples the Father, Jesus replied I've been with you this long and you still don't know me? – Jn. 14:8-9**

Philip

- **Not the same person as Philip the Evangelist in Acts 8**
- **Speculation regarding his death either by hanging, beheading, or crucifixion in Hierapolis @80AD**

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Bartholomew/Nathanael

- **Bartholomew appears only 4x in NT in the lists of disciples in Mt., Mk., Lk. and the upper room in Acts 1**
- **Nathanael appears only 6X in NT, all in John's Gospel**

Bartholomew/Nathanael

- Galilean from Cana – Jn. 21:2
- Found by Philip and told they had found the one whom Moses had spoken- Jn. 1:45

Bartholomew/Nathanael

- **Remarked to Philip, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” – Jn. 1:46**
- **Jesus said of Nathanael, “Here is an Israelite, in whom there is no deceit.” - Jn. 1:47**

Bartholomew/Nathanael

- **Asked Jesus, “How do you know me?”, Jesus replied, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree I saw you.” – Jn. 1:48**

Bartholomew/Nathanael

- Replied to Jesus, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel.” – Jn. 1:49
- Church tradition asserts he traveled to Persia, India, and Armenia preaching the gospel

Bartholomew/Nathanael

- Purported to have died either by crucifixion, drowning, or by being flayed alive in Armenia

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**3 Philip and Bartholomew;
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collector; James the son of
Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;**

Thomas

- **Appears 11x in NT, 4x in lists of disciples and 7x in John's Gospel**
- **No biblical record of details of his calling to follow Jesus**

Thomas

- **Also known as Didymus (twin)
– Jn. 11:16**
- **Was willing to go with Jesus
and die with Him when Jesus
wanted to go to Bethany to raise
Lazarus from the dead –Jn. 11:16**

Thomas

- **At the Last Supper he told Jesus he didn't know where Jesus was going – Jn. 14:5**
- **Refused to believe Jesus had appeared alive to the disciples after resurrection – Jn. 20:24-25**

Thomas

- **Told disciples he would only believe if he could put his fingers in Jesus' hands where the nails were and his hand in Jesus' side – Jn. 20:25**

Thomas

- **8 days later Jesus appeared again and told Thomas to put his fingers in His hand and his hand in His side – Jn. 20:26-27**
- **Remarked to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” – Jn. 20:28**

Thomas

- **Church tradition holds that he traveled to India to start churches, was stabbed with a spear, and later died of his wounds**

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collector; James the son of
Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;**

Matthew, the Tax Collector

- **Mentioned 7x in NT; 4x in lists of disciples; not mentioned in John's gospel**
- **Tax Collector – Mt. 9:9**
- **Social outcast, considered a traitor by other Jews**

Matthew, the Tax Collector

- Jesus passed by tax collector's booth and said, "Follow me!" – Mt. 9:9
- Also know as Levi – Mk. 2:14
- Son of Alphaeus – Mk. 2:14
- Lived in Capernaum – Mt. 9:1-9

Matthew, the Tax Collector

- **Possibly brother of James, son of Alphaeus, which would mean his mother was the one of the Marys who watched where Jesus was buried – Mk. 15:40**

Matthew, the Tax Collector

- May also have been Jesus' 1st cousin because Mary, the wife of Clopas, was said to be present at Jesus' resurrection along with her sister, Jesus' mother – Mk. 15:40 + Jn. 19:25

Matthew, the Tax Collector

- Church tradition holds that Matthew traveled to Ethiopia where he was eventually killed.
- Early church fathers differ on how he died; burned, stoned, stabbed to death or beheaded

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collector; James the son of
Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;**

James, Son of Alphaeus

- 4x in NT, all in the lists of disciples; not mentioned in John's Gospel
- Referred to as James the Less (small) – Mk. 15:40
- Mother was Mary – Mk. 15:40

James, Son of Alphaeus

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James, Son of Alphaeus

- Early church fathers hold that he traveled to and preached in Persia where he was crucified

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collector; James the son of
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Thaddaeus/Judas, Son of James

- Only appears 2x in NT in Mt. & Mk.'s lists of disciples
- Referred to as Judas, Son of James in list of disciples in Upper Room – Acts 1:13

Thaddaeus/Judas, Son of James

- Referred to 1x as “Judas, not Iscariot” when he asked Jesus why He was going to disclose Himself to the disciples only and not the world – Jn. 14:22

Thaddaeus/Judas, Son of James

- Church tradition holds he had the gift of healing and was clubbed to death in Syria by son of a king he had healed. Others assert he was beheaded.

Matthew 10:4

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Iscairiot, the one who betrayed
Him.

Simon the Zealot

- **Appears only 4x in NT in lists of disciples**
- **May have been a member of the radical religious group know as Zealots or may be nothing more than a reference to his enthusiasm**

Simon the Zealot

- **Zealots were one of 4 primary religious groups in 1st Century Israel**
- **They were considered to be extremeists determined to overthrow Rome by force**

Simon the Zealot

- **Zealots were trained assassins, practiced guerilla warfare, and were more than willing to die for their cause**
- **No agreement on his death**

Simon the Zealot

- **Believed by some to have been crucified in Jerusalem on an “x” shaped cross while others assert he traveled to Persia where he was sawn in two**

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Judas Iscariot, the Betrayer

- **Son of Simon Iscariot – Jn. 13:2**
- **Jesus referred to His betrayer as a devil – Jn. 6:70-71**
- **Complained when Mary anointed Jesus with expensive perfume – Jn. 12:3-5**

Judas Iscariot, the Betrayer

- Kept the money box for Jesus and the disciples – Jn. 13:29
- Entered by Satan – Lk. 22:2-4
- Agreed to betray Jesus to chief priests for 30 pieces of silver – Mt. 26:14-15

Judas Iscariot, the Betrayer

- **Denied to Jesus' face he was going to betray Him – Mt. 26:24-25**
- **Betrayed Jesus with a kiss – Mt. 26:49**
- **Felt remorse, returned 30 pieces of silver – Mt. 27:3**

Judas Iscariot, the Betrayer

- **Went away and hung himself (unsuccessfully) – Mt. 27:5**
- **Fell headlong, burst open in the middle, and all his intestines gushed out – Acts 1:18**

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- **Men with different backgrounds, different character qualities, and different temperments**

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- **Men of no particular importance, unremarkable men; men with no social, political, or religious standing**

Who Are These Guys?

- **Men, called by Jesus, and willing to leave everything behind (family, friends, jobs) to follow Him**

Who Are These Guys?

- **Men so changed by their short time with Jesus that they gave up the rest of their lives to follow Him and do as He commanded**

Who Are These Guys?

- **Men so changed by Jesus they were willing to die for Him, many far away from home, long after He was already gone**
- **Men like you and me**

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