

Mountains near Galilee

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Luke 6:12-16

The important place of prayer in Jesus' life



Alone on a mountain (cf John 4)
Night and morning in worship & fellowship

Decision making

The whole future of the church for the next 2000+ years starts here!



—where to get true perspective on values

He chose them

Called them all and then ---
no votes or ballots!



His responsibility – divine decree
Their responsibility - grateful service

With differing gifts and responsibilities

What about the ones who weren't 'chosen'?

The church workers - disciples & apostles

Mark 3:14-15 He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.



Jesus' assessment of his work - John 17:6

Top of the list !



Whose names do you recognise ?

Peter , James & John, Thomas,
Nathanael (Bartholomew)

Judas Iscariot (from Kerioth in Judea)

See the foundation stones of city wall in Revelation 21:14

The role of Judas

Treasurer *

Miracle worker ***

Betrayer *****

Did Jesus know ?

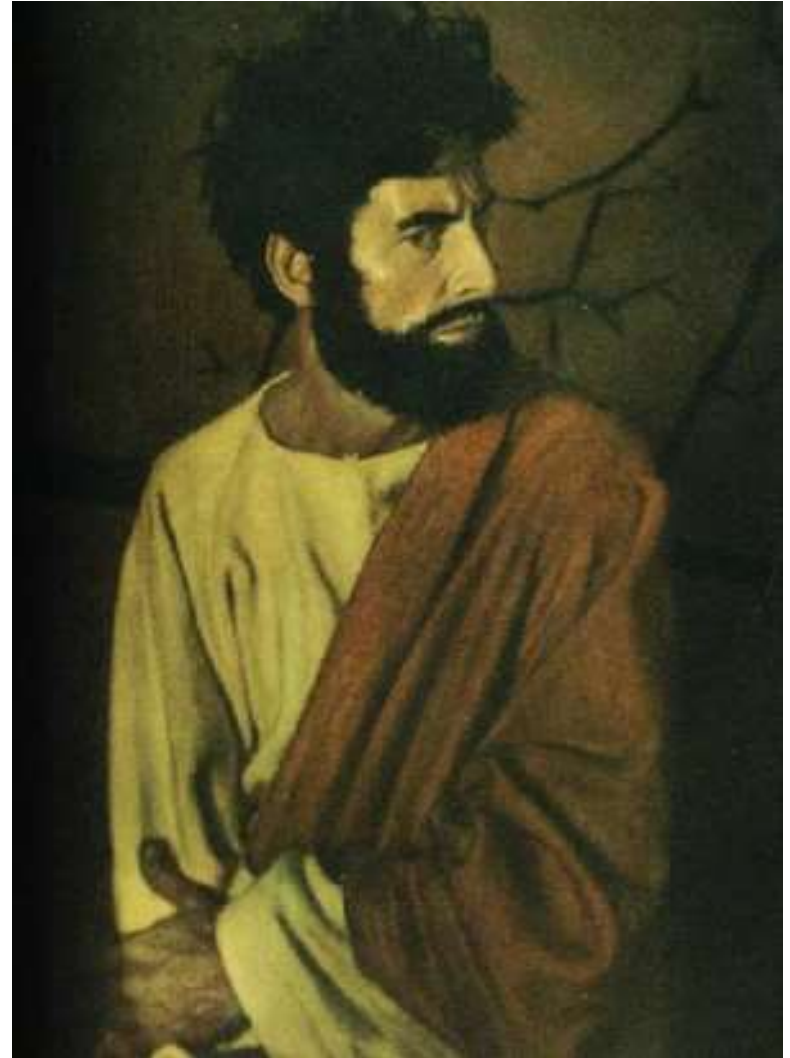
John 6:70

John 17:12

And yet ..

Jesus gave him the bread

John 13:26



Suicide vs. Repentance?

The 12th apostle

Acts 1:23 – 26

Matthias

1 Cor. 15:8

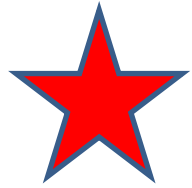
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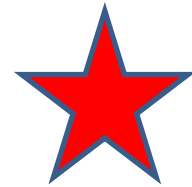
Lessons:-



Jesus' role model - Pray ! (Philippians 4:6)



Jesus make the choices (Matthew 28:18)



The privilege of serving (Matthew 25:21)