**Early Apostles**

* **1.** [**Simon**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Peter)**:** called Peter (Bowen, Grk. petros, petra; Aram. kēf; Engl. rock) by Jesus, also known as Simon bar Jonah and Simon bar Jochanan (Aram.) and earlier ([Pauline Epistles](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pauline_Epistles) were written first) [Cephas](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Aramaic_of_Jesus&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Aramaic of Jesus (not yet started)) (Aram.), and Simon Peter, a fisherman from [Bethsaida](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Bethsaida&action=edit&redlink=1) "of Galilee" (John 1:44; cf. 12:21) Simon/Peter - Andrew's brother (Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:16; Luke 6:14), Mary's husband, Mark's father (1 Peter 5:13; Acts 12:12) and Barnabas' brother-in-law (Acts 15:39; Colossians 4:10)
* **2.** [**Andrew**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Andrew)**:** brother of Peter, a Bethsaida fisherman and disciple of [John the Baptist](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_the_Baptist), and also the First-Called Apostle. (Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14) and Mark's uncle (Matthew 4:18)
* **3.** [**James**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/James%2C_son_of_Zebedee)**:** - John's brother, son of Zebedee, Borgerges, son of Thunder (Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:17; Luke 6:14)
* **4.** [**John**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_the_Apostle)**:** sons of [Zebedee](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Zebedee&action=edit&redlink=1), called by Jesus *[Boanerges](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Aramaic_of_Jesus&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Aramaic of Jesus (not yet started))* (an Aramaic name explained in Mk 3:17 as "Sons of Thunder") - James' brother (Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:17; Luke 6:14)
* **5.** [**Philip**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_the_Apostle)**:** from Bethsaida "of Galilee" (John 1:44, 12:21) (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14)
* **6.** [**Thaddeus**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thaddeus)**:** "Judas, son of James and Judas (not Iscariot)", (Matthew 10:3, Acts 1:13, Luke 6:16, John 14:22). Lebbaeus/Judas/Juda - Jesus' half-brother, Simon's brother (Matthew 10:3; 13:55; Mark 3:18; 6:3; Luke 6:16; Jude 1:1)
* **7.** [**Bartholomew**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bartholomew)**:** in Aramaic "bar-Talemai?", "son of Talemai" or from Ptolemais, some identify with Nathanael. (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14)
* **8.** [**Thomas**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_%28Apostle%29)**:** also known as *Judas Tomas Didymus* - Aramaic *[T'oma'](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Aramaic_of_Jesus&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Aramaic of Jesus (not yet started))* = *twin*, and Greek *Didymous* = *twin (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15)*
* **9.** [**James**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_the_Just)**:** commonly identified with [James the Less](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=James_the_Less&action=edit&redlink=1) [[1]](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Apostles#cite_note-1) - Matthew's/Levi's brother, son of Alphaeus (Matthew 10:3; 27:56; Mark 2:14; 3:16, 18; 6:3; 15:40, 47; Luke 5:27; 6:14-15; 24:18; Acts 1:13; 4:36).
* **10.** [**Matthew**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Matthew)**:** the tax collector, some identify with Levi son of [Alphaeus](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Alphaeus&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Alphaeus (not yet started)) - Levi - James' brother (James the less) (Matthew 10:3; 27:56; Mark 2:14; 3:16, 18; 6:3; 15:40, 47; Luke 5:27; 6:14-15; 24:18; Acts 1:13; 4:36) and author of the Book of Matthew
* **11.** [**Simon the Canaanite**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Simon_the_Canaanite&action=edit&redlink=1)**:** called in Luke and Acts "Simon the [Zealot](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Zealot&action=edit&redlink=1)", some identify with [Simeon of Jerusalem](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Simeon_of_Jerusalem&action=edit&redlink=1)[[2]](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Apostles#cite_note-2) - Jesus' half-brother, Thaddeus' brother (Matthew 10:4; 13:55; Mark 3:18; 6:3; Luke 6:15)
* **12.** [**Judas Iscariot**](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judas_Iscariot)**:** the name Iscariot may refer to the Judaean towns of Kerioth or to the [sicarii](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Sicarii&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Sicarii (not yet started)) (Jewish nationalist insurrectionists), or to [Issachar](https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Issachar&action=edit&redlink=1); (Matthew 10:4; Mark 3:19; Luke 6:16)
* He was replaced as an apostle in Acts by [Matthias](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Matthias)