

The Twelve Disciples

Jesus had 12 special followers. We call them his 12 disciples. Their names were:

Peter – He was a fisherman. His name was Simon but Jesus changed it to Peter meaning ‘the rock’.

Andrew – He was Peter’s brother, also a fisherman. He is the patron saint of Scotland

James – He was also a fisherman, the son of Zebedee.

John – He was James’s brother, another fisherman, son of Zebedee.

Philip – He was from the town of Bethsaida, like Andrew and Peter. He brought Nathanael to Jesus.

Nathanael – He was sometimes called Bartholemew. Jesus saw him sitting under a fig tree.

Matthew – He was a tax collector

Thomas – He was also called Didymus. After the resurrection of Jesus he got the nickname ‘Doubting Thomas’.

James - He was the son of Alphaeus. He is sometimes called James the Less.

Simon – He was called the Zealot

Judas – He was sometimes called Jude or Judas Thaddeus

Judas Iscariot – He betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver

Songs about the 12 Disciples

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfi3JRR1Nfc>

The Twelve Disciples Song

Tune: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus called them one by one,
Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Next, came Philip, Thomas too,
Matthew and Bartholomew.

*Yes, Jesus called them,
Yes, Jesus called them,
Yes, Jesus called them,
He called them one by one.*

James the one they called the less,
Simon, also Thaddeus,
The twelfth disciple Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.

Wait, there's more - O yes it's true,
I am one and so are you,
Jesus said, 'Come follow me'
In Matthew 4 and verse 19.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_VYeQrWEvA

When Jesus saw the fishermen in boats upon the sea,
he called to them, 'Come, leave your nets and follow, follow me.'
They followed where he healed the sick and gave the hungry bread,
and others joined them as they went wherever Jesus led.

And now his friends are everywhere; the circle once so small
extends around the whole wide world, for Jesus calls us all.
In this great circle we belong, wherever we may be,
if we will answer when he calls, 'Come, follow, follow me.'