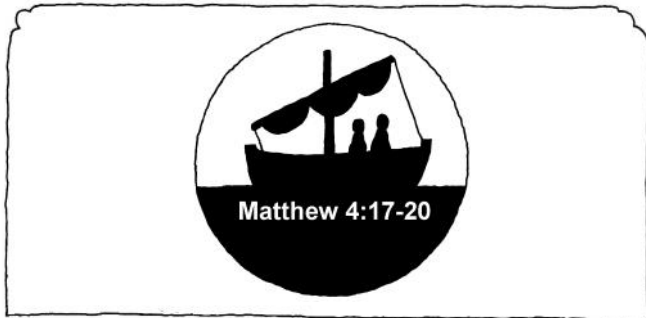


TWELVE disciples follow Jesus

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Jesus chose twelve men to be his helpers and they went everywhere with Him. After he died, they went to other towns and told people what they had seen Jesus do and the things he taught them.



Jesus had 12 special followers called disciples. The first four he found were fishermen. Simon (Peter) and Andrew left their fishing and their families and followed Jesus.



James and John were on the sea of Galilee in their boat, fishing with their father Zebedee, when Jesus called them to follow him. Straight away, they chose to go.



Philip also came from Galilee. He and Bartholomew became disciples, too. They saw the miracles Jesus did and listened to everything he taught them.



Matthew was a tax collector. He collected money from people, but left his important job and all his money, to become a disciple of Jesus.



Thomas came when Jesus called him. He and James also left everything behind when they went and followed Jesus. The disciples were Jesus' helpers.



Last of all, Jesus chose Judas Iscariot. He loved money more than he loved God and he was the disciple who betrayed Jesus. Matthew, John and Peter wrote some of the Bible.



The 12 disciples were: Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John. Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew. James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon and Judas Iscariot.