

The Lives of the Apostles Part 1

Disciples who became Apostles

Matthew 4:18-22

Mark 1:16-20, Mark 2:13-14

Luke 5:1-11

John 1:35-51

In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. // Luke 6:12

Dianuktereuo speaks of enduring at a task through the night. The word could not be used of sleeping all night. It's not an expression you would use if you wanted to say it was dark all night.

Apostles not Angels

And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach. Mark 3:14

And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles. Luke 6:13

And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. // Luke 9:1-2

Apostolos is the Greek word for Apostle and means "one who is sent."

Angelos is the Greek word for Angel and means "messenger."

Apostolos conveyed the idea of an ambassador, a delegate, or an official representative.

Shaliah is the Aramaic word for *Apostolos*.

"In that first-century Jewish culture, the shaliah was an official representative of the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of Israel. A shaliah exercised the full rights of the Sanhedrin. He spoke for them, and when he spoke, he spoke with their authority. He was owed the same respect and deference as the council itself. But he never delivered his own message; his task was to deliver the message of the group whom he represented." // John MacArthur

"The one sent by the man is as the man himself." // Jewish Mishnah on the role of the *Shaliah*

An Eclectic Group

- Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen
 - Jeremiah 16:14-16
- Matthew was a tax collector
 - Luke 19:1-10
- Simon was a Zealot
 - Zealots were an outlaw political party who took their hatred of Rome to an extreme and conspired to overthrow Roman rule.
 - One faction of the Zealots was known as sicarii. These Zealots carried small curved daggers hidden in cloaks used to perform assassinations. The sicarii usually staged these acts of execution at public functions in order to heighten fear.

The Names of the Apostles

Matthew 10:2-4	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:14-16	Acts 1:13
<i>Simon (Peter)</i>	<i>Simon (Peter)</i>	<i>Simon (Peter)</i>	<i>Peter</i>
<i>Andrew</i>	<i>James son of Zebedee</i>	<i>Andrew</i>	<i>James</i>
<i>James son of Zebedee</i>	<i>John son of Zebedee</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>John</i>
<i>John son of Zebedee</i>	<i>Andrew</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Andrew</i>
<i>Philip</i>	<i>Philip</i>	<i>Philip</i>	<i>Philip</i>
<i>Bartholomew</i>	<i>Bartholomew</i>	<i>Bartholomew</i>	<i>Thomas</i>
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Bartholomew</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>James (son of Alphaeus)</i>	<i>James (son of Alphaeus)</i>	<i>James (son of Alphaeus)</i>	<i>James (son of Alphaeus)</i>
<i>Thaddeus (Lebbaeus)</i>	<i>Thaddeus</i>	<i>Simon the Zealot</i>	<i>Simon the Zealot</i>
<i>Simon the Zealot</i>	<i>Simon the Zealot</i>	<i>Judas (son of James)</i>	<i>Judas (son of James)</i>
<i>Judas Iscariot</i>	<i>Judas Iscariot</i>	<i>Judas Iscariot</i>	

Agrammatoi - unlettered, unlearned, illiterate
Idiotai - unskilled

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. // Acts 4:13