

Jesus' Disciples

Jesus had **12 disciples**, and all of them were quite different from each other.

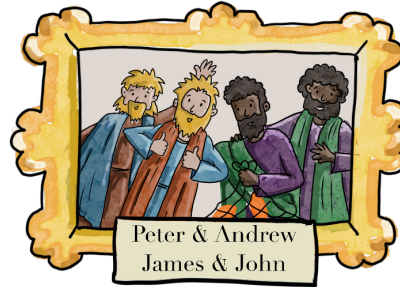
First, there were **Peter and Andrew**. They were brothers. Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends and was sometimes called Simon. These brothers were fishermen.

James and John were also brothers, and they were fishermen too. They probably got on really well with Peter and Andrew!



Next, there was a man named **Nathaniel**. Nathaniel was of noble birth, which meant he was a very wealthy man.

Then there was a man named **Matthew**, who was a tax collector. Not many people liked tax collectors because they could take away a lot of your money.



Up next, we have a man named **Simon "the Zealot"**. Now, there has been some confusion around Simon. Some people think he may have been a member of a rebellious group protesting against the Romans. Other people think he may have been zealous about the law (that means to be passionate about it), or some think he was just zealous about Jesus. Either way, he was a passionate man.

And finally, there were **Thomas, Phillip, Jude, Judas and James**. We don't really know what they did before they met Jesus. The Bible doesn't say much about them, but nevertheless they were all equally respected and loved by Jesus.



They might not have always fitted in and they might look like a bit of a random group of people, but Jesus picked them for a very special reason. They all had a very important role to play in Jesus' life.