

DISCIPLES – JAMES

“When He had gone a little further, He saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay (Jesus) called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed Him.” Mark 1:19-20

***“Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in.”
John 18:15-16***

- * JAIROS' DAUGHTER BEING RAISE FROM THE DEAD
- * THE HEALING OF PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW
- * THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION
- * PRAYING IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

“James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder).” Mark 3:17

“It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way.” Proverbs 19:2

1. THE SONS OF THUNDER

“As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village.” Luke 9:51-56

“They worshiped the LORD, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.” 2 Kings 17:28

- * BUILT THEIR OWN TEMPLE
- * HAD THEIR OWN PRIESTHOOD
- * DEVELOPED THEIR OWN SYSTEM OF SACRIFICES

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” Luke 19:10

***“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Matthew 20:28***

***“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”
John 3:17***

2. THE SONS OF AMBITION

"Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers." Matthew 20:20-24

"Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest." Luke 22:24

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself." Philipians 2:3

3. MARTYRDOM

James wanted a crown of glory, Jesus gave him a cup of suffering. He wanted power, Jesus gave him servanthood. He wanted a place of prominence, Jesus gave him a martyr's grave. He wanted to rule, Jesus gave him a sword – not to wield, but to be the instrument of his own execution.

"Twelve Ordinary Men," John MacArthur

"On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died." Acts 12:21-23