



CBC Studies: “A Disciple’s Life”

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In the four lists we have of the disciples, the first nine & the last are always the same & so are simple to identify. “Simon Canaanite” we know is the same as “Simon Zelotes”; Zelotes meaning the Zealot. The only rather difficult disciple to identify from our lists is “Lebbaeus Thaddaeus” OR “Judas the brother of James”. After a reasonable search, the early church –& I myself have determined that these names most likely apply to the same man –who is also known as “Judas” (not Iscariot), The Lord’s half brother (with James the Pastor), & the man who wrote the Book of Jude. These men are a representative body of all disciples –which am I most like?

From Luke 6 (58AD) & Acts 1 (61AD)

1. Peter -*Most prominent*
2. Andrew -*Peter’s Brother*
3. James of Zebedee –*“Boanerges”; first martyr after Stephen (Sons of Thunder/“Commotion”)*
4. John of Zebedee –*“Boanerges”; the disciple whom The Lord loved, & The Revelator (Sons of Thunder/“Commotion”)*
5. Philip -*John’s 1st disciple before Jesus was baptized*
6. Bartholomew -*Called Nathaniel also*
7. Matthew -*The Publican, brother of James “the less”*
8. Thomas -*“Didymus” (the twin)*
9. James -*“the less”; brother of Matthew*
10. Simon “Zelotes” -*Named as such because after Jesus’ ascension he later joined the political “Zealot Party” to dispel Rome from Judea. May have been a The Lord’s half-brother too.*
11. Judas, brother of James –*In the later accounts by Matthew (63AD) & Mark (67AD) Judas was called “Lebbaeus Thaddaeus”. This is believed to be in order to separate him from Judas the traitor. He is also half-brother to Pastor James “The Just” of the church at Jerusalem who was half-brother to Jesus; which would make this Judas half-brother to Jesus also according to the flesh & the writer of The Book of “Jude”. The name “Jude”, a shortened version of Judas; the name used by the man himself about 70AD likely to distinguish himself from Judas the traitor also. The early church accepted that Thaddaeus was Jude.*
12. Judas Iscariot -*the traitor*

NO TYPE OF DISCIPLE THE LORD CALLED IN THE FLESH EVER BETRAYED HIM -EXCEPT THE ONE...

A few common experiences of all the disciples:

Matthew 10:1–15

Mark 3:13–19 & 16:14–20

Luke 6:12–16 & 9:1–6, 10–17

John 6:60–71

(w/o Judas Iscariot) Acts 1:6–14 & 5:12–16

