

(16) Twelve Apostles Selected (Mk. 3:13-19; Lk. 6:12-16)

1. Mark and Luke each record a dodecapostologue (list of the twelve Apostles) after a night of prayer.
 - a. Matthew's gospel also contains a dodecapostologue (Mt. 10:1-4), but not until The Twelve are sent out on a training assignment [GM34] (Matt. 10:5-11:1).
 - b. Luke also includes a dodecapostologue (minus Judas Iscariot) in the Book of Acts (Acts 1:13).
2. In the morning, Jesus summoned "His disciples" (Lk. 6:12); "those whom He Himself wanted" (Mk. 3:13). The number is unknown, but may have been nearly 100 (Lk. 10:1-17).
3. Many were summoned (Mk. 3:13 προσκαλέω parakaleō ^{#4341}_{109x}) or called (Lk. 6:13 προσφωνέω proshōneō ^{#4377}_{7x}). Twelve were chosen (Lk. 6:13 ἐκλέγομαι eklegomai ^{#1586}_{22x}), and appointed (Mk. 3:14,16 ποιέω poieō ^{#4160}_{568x}) to ministry as Apostles.
4. The ministry of οἱ δώδεκα hoi dōdeka was two-fold (Mk. 3:14-15).
 - a. To be with Him.
 - b. To be sent out.
 - 1) To preach.
 - 2) To cast out the demons.
5. The list:

The Four Dodecapostologues of the New Testament			
Matthew 10:2-4	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:14-16	Acts 1:13
Simon, who is called Peter Σίμων ὁ λεγόμενος Πέτρος	Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter)	Simon, whom He also named Peter	Peter
Andrew his brother Ἀνδρέας ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτοῦ	James, <i>the son</i> of Zebedee	Andrew his brother	John
James <i>the son</i> of Zebedee Ἰάκωβος ὁ τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου	John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder")	James	James
John his brother Ἰωάννης ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτοῦ	Andrew	John	Andrew
Philip Φίλιππος	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew Βαρθολομαῖος	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
Thomas Θωμᾶς	Matthew	Matthew	Bartholomew
Matthew the tax collector Ματθαῖος ὁ τελώνης	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
James <i>the son</i> of Alphæus Ἰάκωβος ὁ τοῦ Ἀλφαίου	James <i>the son</i> of Alphæus	James <i>the son</i> of Alphæus	James <i>the son</i> of Alphæus
Thaddæus Θαδδαῖος	Thaddæus	Simon who was called the Zealot	Simon the Zealot
Simon the Zealot Σίμων ὁ Καναναῖος	Simon the Zealot	Judas <i>the son</i> of James	Judas <i>the son</i> of James
Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him. Ἰούδας ὁ Ἰσκαριώτης ὁ καὶ παραδοὺς αὐτόν	Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him	Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor	

Notes on these names:

Bartholomew is likely a surname of Nathanael (Nathanael Bartholomew)

Thomas is called Didymus (Jn. 11:16; 20:24; 21:2). Aram. ܕܝܕܝܡܘܨ *twin* → Greek Θωμᾶς ^{#2381} Δίδυμος ^{#1324} *twin*.

Matthew is also known as Levi, the son of Alphæus (Mk. 2:14).

James the son of Alphæus may also be called James the Less (Mk. 15:40).

Lebbæus, Thaddæus, Judas (not Iscariot) *son* of James

- a. Every dodecapostologue can be broken down into groups of four.
 - b. Apostle #1, 5, & 9 are always Peter, Philip, and James of Alphæus—likely the leaders of their “third.”
 - c. “The Twelve” is a proper name for these Apostles of the Lamb (Mt. 10:1,2,5; 11:1; 19:28; 20:17; 26:14,20,47; Mk. 3:14,16; 4:10; 6:7; 9:35; 10:32; 11:11; 14:10,17,20,43; Lk. 6:13; 8:1; 9:1,12; 18:31; 22:3,30,47; Jn. 6:67,70,71; 20:24; Acts 6:2; 15:5; Rev. 21:14).
 - d. After the death of Judas Iscariot, they were known as the Eleven (Mt. 28:16; Mk. 16:14; Lk. 24:9,33) and they required a replacement to bring their number to completion (Acts 1:26; 2:14).
6. There will be additional Apostle beyond The Twelve in the Dispensation of the Church, but these men had stewardship responsibilities in the Dispensation of Israel prior to their role as Apostles to the Church.