

What God Can Do with Ordinary You Week 5: James, Thaddeus and Simon

Matthew 10:2-4

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Acts 1:21f “It is *necessary* to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

Matthew 19:28, “I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

1 John 1:3, “We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us.”

Acts 2:42, “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Ephesians 2:19-20, “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.”

Some principles from the “B Players”— James, Thaddeus, and Simon:

First, God uses _____ to accomplish his work.

Second, God uses _____ to accomplish his work.

Ephesians 4:16, “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Third, God _____ and _____ those who do his work.

Revelation 21:14, “The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

Hebrews 6:10, “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

Acts 17:6

“These men turned the world upside down.”