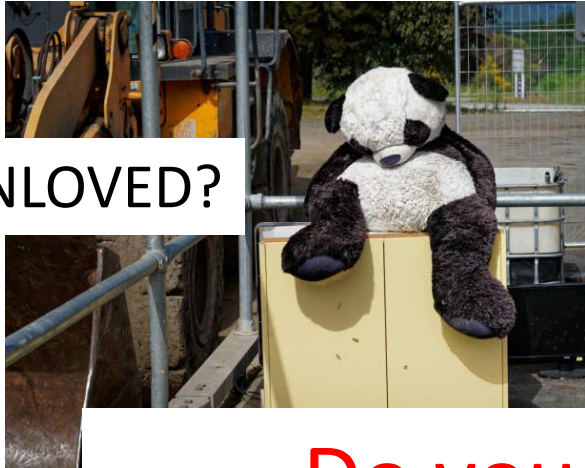


LOVED?



The Disciples. The Unexpected.

UNLOVED?



Do you have a LABEL?
And His Banner over me is LOVE

SoS 2:4

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Today's Bible Reading.

Thomas and the Revelation.

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, **I will not believe.**" A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "**My Lord and my God!**" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." St John's Gospel C 20. **He evangelised Persia and Syria became the patron saint of India, Architects and Builders**

They were not LABELLED

It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told the apostles Jesus has RISEN. **But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.**

Peter ran to the tomb and saw the strips of linen lying by themselves. He went away, wondering to himself what had happened. Luke 24 v9

Unsplash



Who were the Disciples?

- 12 men representing the 12 Tribes of Israel as Jesus builds a bridge between the Old and New Testaments.
- Luke 10:1-12, Jesus appoints 72 others to introduce a wider New Testament mission.
- Including Mary Magdalene, Joanna (wife of Chuza, Herod's Steward), Susanna, (A woman of substance) Mary, Martha and others.
- "Nah Nahny Nahny" to Scribes and Pharisees!

The odd couple.

The reliable couple

- **Simon the Zealot**, was dedicated to violently overthrowing Roman rule and Taxation.
- **Matthew** (Levi) a Jewish tax collector working for the Roman government/Herod Antipas. He a traitor, extortionist, and social outcast.
- **Luke** was a doctor, Gospel writer and not one of the Twelve. He was a companion of Paul and likely Gentile.
- **Mark** the Evangelist was a Gospel writer, not one of the Twelve. He was a close companion of Peter and Paul.

A little known Parable.

Thomas helps the disciples find a new venue!

1. Simon Peter: A fisherman, often considered the leader of the group.
2. Andrew: A fisherman, brother of Peter, initially a disciple of John the Baptist.
3. James (son of **Zebedee**): Known as "James the Greater," brother of John.
4. **John**: Brother of James, the "beloved disciple". **Gospel Writer**
5. Philip: Often paired with Bartholomew in lists.
6. Bartholomew (Nathanael): Identified as Nathanael in the Gospel of John.
7. Thomas: **Labelled** for his doubt regarding the resurrection.
8. **Matthew**: Also called Levi, the tax collector. **Gospel writer**
9. James (son of Alphaeus): Known as "James the Less".
10. Thaddaeus (Judas, son of James): Also referred to as Lebbaeus in some traditions.
11. Simon the Zealot (Cananaean): A member of the radical Zealot group.
12. Judas Iscariot: The disciple who betrayed Jesus. **TRAITOR.**