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The Twelve Disciples



THADDEUS



SIMON



JUDAS

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thaddaeus



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Thaddaeus

Jude
Judas
Lebbaeus

Encounters with Jesus

- Thaddaeus was selected as one of Christ's twelve apostles (Matthew 10:2-4; Acts 1:13).
- Sent out on a mission to the Jews to preach "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons (Matthew 10:5-8).
- Asked Jesus whether he would reveal himself to his followers and not to the world (John 14:22).
- Was present at the Last Supper.



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Encounters with Jesus

- Was present when Jesus appeared to the apostles after the Resurrection (John 20:19-20).
- Was present for the Great Commission and Jesus' Ascension into heaven (Matthew 28:16-19).
- Witnessed Jesus being taken up into heaven (Acts 1:8-9).



Thaddaeus

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General Information

- Son of James (Luke 6:16).
- Listed as one of Christ's twelve apostles (Matthew 10:2-4; Acts 1:13).
- The Aramaic meaning of both Thaddaeus and Lebbaeus is the same, “beloved” or “dear to the heart.”



Thaddaeus

Jude
Judas
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General Information

- The name Judas derives from the Hebrew name Judah, meaning “praise.”
- Jude (Thaddaeus) is often confused with three people: Jude the brother of Jesus, Judas Barsabbas, and Judas Iscariot.



Thaddaeus

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Lebbaeus

Personality and Character

- Inquisitive and confused (John 14:21-23).



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Key Lesson

- Jesus revealed an important truth to Thaddaeus. Jesus will reveal his truths to believers who follow him.



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Other Stories About Thaddaeus

- Stories suggest that Jude ministered to Judea, Lebanon, Syria, Mesopotamia, Armenia, and Libya.





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Other Stories About Thaddaeus

- Some suggest that Thaddaeus belonged to the revolutionary group, the Zealots.
- Some scholars believe that Thaddaeus authored the book of Jude, although most believe the author is Jude, the brother of Jesus.

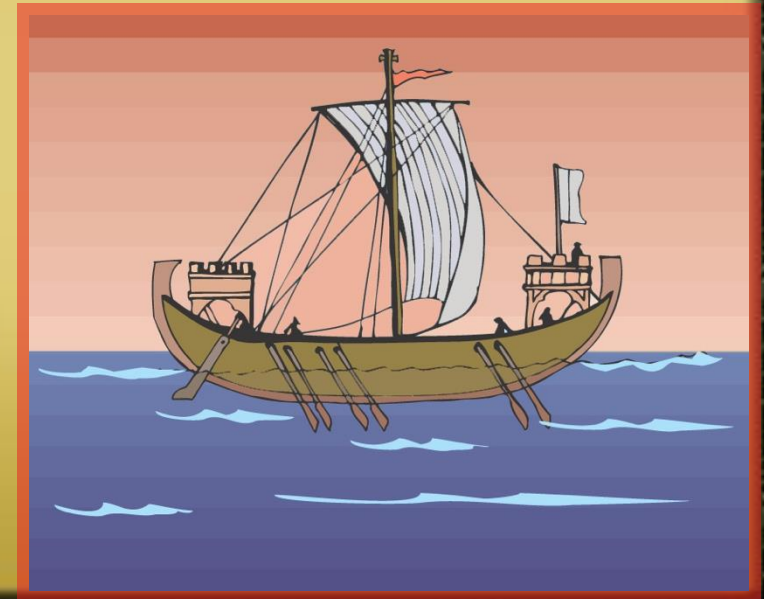


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Other Stories About Thaddaeus

- The symbol for Thaddaeus is a gold ship with silver sails before a red horizon, which is a reference to the ship he took on missionary journeys.



Simon the Zealot



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Simon the Zealot
Simon the Cananaean

Encounters with Jesus

- Sent out on a mission to the Jews to preach “the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons (Matthew 10:5-8).
- Was present at the Last Supper.
- Was present when Jesus appeared to the apostles after the Resurrection (John 20:19-20).
- Was present for the Great Commission and Jesus’ Ascension into heaven (Matthew 28:16-19).



Simon

Simon the Zealot
Simon the Cananaean

General Information

- Was a Zealot (one who revolted against Roman rule out of zealous loyalty to God alone) (Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19).
- Listed as one of Christ's twelve apostles (Matthew 10:2-4; Acts 1:13).



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General Information

- Zealots were freedom fighters in first century Judea. They believed that God is and should be the only ruler of Israel.
- Zealots were patriots and often lead military revolts against foreign rule.



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General Information

- The name Simon derives from the Hebrew name Shimon, meaning “hearing.”
- The word “Cananaean” derives from an Aramaic word meaning “zealous one.”



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Personality and Character

- Patriotic
- Loyal
- Passionate
- Sacrificial



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Key Lesson

- When Simon encountered Jesus, he might have hoped that Jesus would be the military and political Messiah—who the Zealots were hoping would come to restore Israel.
- Jesus did not necessarily fit Simon's understanding on who and what the Messiah would be.



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Key Lesson

- One should be willing to sacrifice his or her politics to follow Jesus.

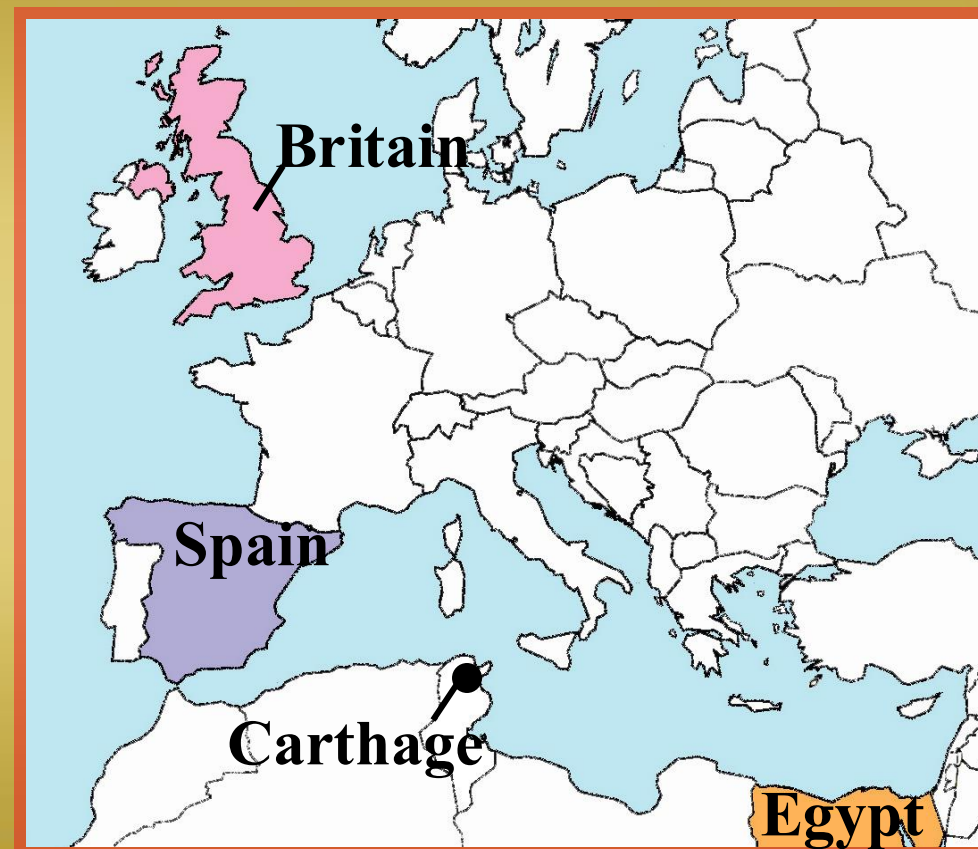


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Other Stories about Simon

- Some suggest that Simon was a missionary to Egypt, Carthage, Spain, and Britain.





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Other Stories about Simon

- After ministering to Europe, some say Simon traveled to Syria, Mesopotamia, and Persia.





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Other Stories about Simon

- One story suggests that Simon was the bridegroom at the wedding in Cana.



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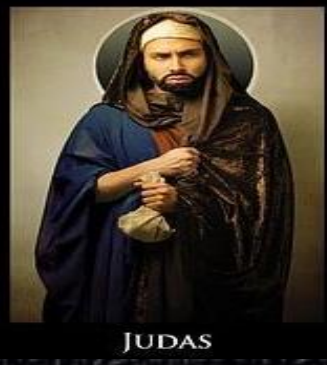
Other Stories about Simon

- Some suggest that Simon was sawed in half and left for the beasts to devour.
- One symbol for Simon is a saw.
- Another symbol for Simon is a book resting on a fish, which is a reference to Simon fishing for people.

Judas Iscariot



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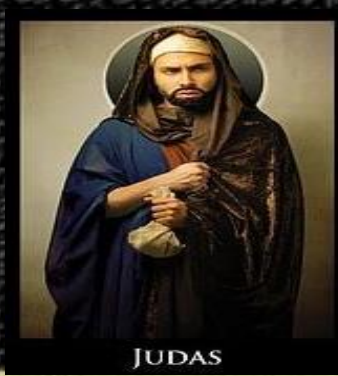


Judas

Judas Iscariot
“Judas the Betrayer”
Judas the son of Simon

Encounters with Jesus

- Selected as one of Christ’s twelve apostles (Matthew 10:4; Luke 6:16).
- Jesus referred to Judas as a devil (John 6:70-71).
- Criticized Mary for anointing Jesus with expensive perfume (John 12:4-6).



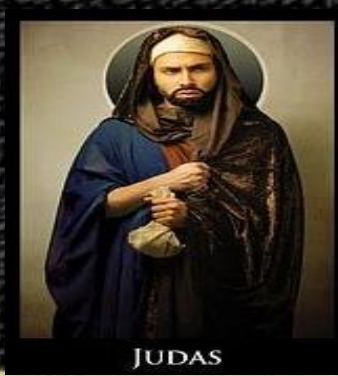
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Encounters with Jesus

- Conversed with Jesus during the Last Supper (Matthew 26:23-25; John 13:27-28).
- The devil prompted him at the Last Supper (John 13:2).
- Betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14-16; Zechariah 11:12-13).





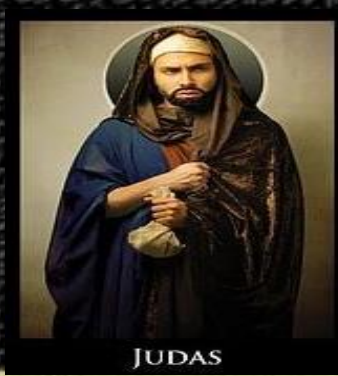
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General Information

- Judas was the treasurer for the group of apostles and was a thief (John 12:5-6; 13:29).
- Many believe Judas was also a Zealot.





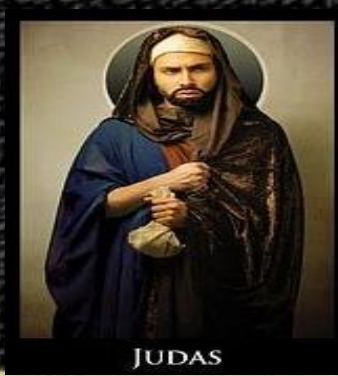
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General Information

- Judas betrayed Jesus, felt remorse, threw the blood money in the temple and hanged himself.
- The chief priest used the money to purchase the potter's field, fulfilling prophecy (Matthew 27:3-5; Zechariah 11:12-13).



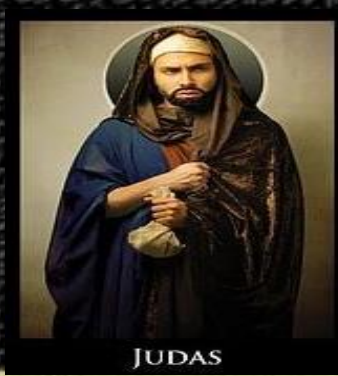


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- Judas was replaced by Matthias who was added to the eleven apostles (Acts 1:26).

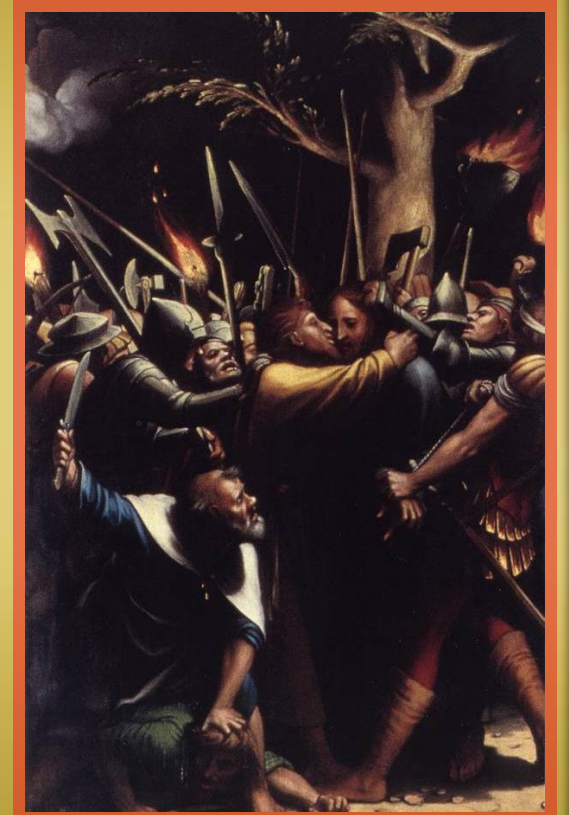


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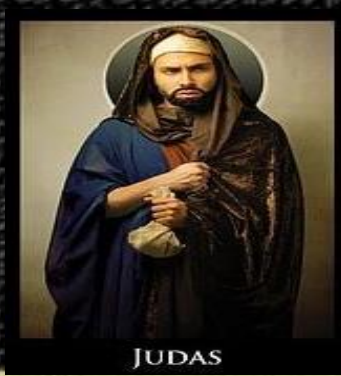
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Personality and Character

- Greedy (Matthew 26:14-16).
- Deceitful (Matthew 26:25).
- Treacherous (Matthew 26:47-50).
- Remorseful (Matthew 27:3-5).



The Passion (detail) Hans the Younger Holbein (1524-25)

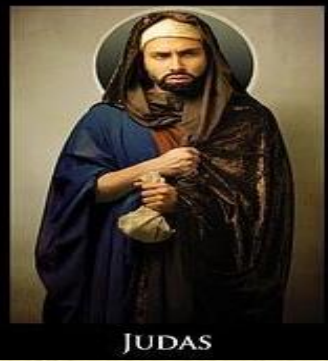


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Key Lesson

- Unlike Simon the Zealot, Judas probably misunderstood Jesus’ mission so much that he couldn’t bear to stand by and watch.
- Judas was a thief; his personality and political agenda led to his deceitful betrayal of Jesus.



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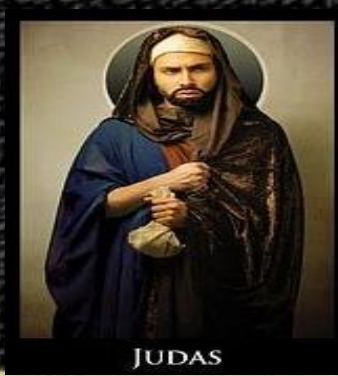
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Key Lesson

- Not all who claim to follow Jesus are faithful to him and his goals.



Taking of Christ
Caravaggio (c. 1598)



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Other Stories About Judas

- Judas was possibly from Kerioth in Judea.
- Some scholars suggest that Judas was a member of the Zealot sect known as the Sicarii, who were dagger-bearing assassins.



Being a Disciple of Christ

Being a Disciple of Christ

Beginning the Journey: Count the Cost

- Jesus said that whoever wants to follow him must deny himself and take up his cross. He said that if one wants to save his life he will lose it, but if he loses his life for Jesus and for the gospel, he will save it (Mark 8:34-35).
- When Simon Peter, James and John encountered Jesus, they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him (Luke 5:11).

Being a Disciple of Christ

Following Christ Together: Fellowship

- Jesus prayed that his followers would be brought to complete unity (John 17:23).
- The followers of Jesus were not to give up meeting together and were to encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25).

Being a Disciple of Christ

Serving Christ and Others

- Jesus said that whoever wants to become great among his apostles must be a servant, just as Jesus himself did not come to be served, but to serve, and “to give his life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:26-28).

Being a Disciple of Christ

Failures and Forgiveness

- When Jesus was arrested, all the apostles deserted him and fled; and Peter denied knowing him because he feared for his life (Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:71-72).
- Later Jesus said that the apostles would receive power when the Holy Spirit came to them and that they would share the good news in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and all over the earth (Acts 1:8).