

The Team of Jesus

*James the son of Alphaeus,
Thaddaeus and
Simon the Zealot*



The Team of Christ

“The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.”

(Matthew 10.2-3, ESV)

The Prayer

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their words, that they may all be one, just as you, Father are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe you have sent me.”

(John 17.20-21, ESV)

Synergy

The combined effort of each person for the benefit of the group.

Unity

Togetherness

Fellowship

The “James-es”

The Three James:

- James the son of Zebedee. (*Matthew 10.2*)
- James the brother of Christ. (*Galatians 1.19*)
- James the son of Alphaeus. (*Matthew 10.3*)

James the Less

What We Know:

- His father was Alpheaus. (*Matthew 10.3*)
 - *His father also went by the name of Clopas. (John 19.25)*
- His mother was the sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus. (*Matthew 27.56*)

James the Less

“Mikros”:*

- A Greek word meaning small in stature
- Possible other meanings are:
 - *Younger*
 - *Less famous, little known*

*Source: *Twelve Ordinary Men*
By John MacArthur

Thaddaeus

- Called Lebbaeus and Thaddaeus in Matthew 10.3
- Called Thaddeus in Mark 3.18
- Called Judas the son of James in Luke 6.16 and John 14.22

Which one is it?

The Man of Three Names

Names and Meanings:

- *Judas means God praised*
- *Thaddaeus means “breast child”**
- *Lebbeaus means “heart child”**

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The One with the Dagger

Simon the Zealot:

- Simon is also called a Cananite.
 - The root word of Cananite (“qanna”) means to be zealous.*
- The Zealots were a political/religious affiliation dedicated to overthrowing the Roman empire.

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Peter and the other apostles replied:

*“We must obey God
rather than men!”*

Acts 5:29

