

The Twelve
John (Brother of James)

So far:

Simon Peter – The High/Highs & Low/Lows – Seen in his name! (Repentance & Restoration)

Andrew – Always bringing and introducing people to Jesus!

James – One of the Sons of Thunder – Got what he asked for – First Martyr for Christ

John - Tonight

List of Disciples/Apostles:

Matthew 10:2-4 ²Now 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; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

Mark 3:16-18 ¹⁶Simon, to whom He gave the name Peter; ¹⁷James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, “Sons of Thunder”; ¹⁸Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite;

Luke 6:14-16 ¹⁴Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; ¹⁵Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; ¹⁶Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

Acts 1:13 ¹³And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

From our previous studies of Peter, Andrew & James – We already know a lot about John:

1. John was most likely with Andrew – In John 1 – Two disciples of John the Baptist

* Withholds his name, as in the rest of the Gospel

2. Younger Brother of James – always mentioned after James.

* Had the cool nickname – He was the 2nd of the Sons of Thunder!

* He had the cool nickname – that literally means “Sons of Rage”

* He was with James (and their mother) when they asked to sit at His right & left - **Mark 10:35-45**

* He was with James when they asked Jesus if they could call down fire/Samaritans – **Luke 9:51-56**

3. One of the Three (w/Peter & James) that Experienced Life with Jesus!!!

* He saw the raising of Jairus’ daughter from the dead – **Mark 5:35-42**

* He saw Jesus transformed on the Mt. of Transfiguration – **Luke 9:28-36**

* He heard Jesus’ Explanation of Eschatology (End times) – **Mark 13:1-4**

* He was in Garden/Gethsemane w/Jesus - His deepest/darkest/distressing time on earth! **Mark 14:32-35**

* One more additional Experience:

Luke 22:7-13 ⁷Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. ⁸And He sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat.” ⁹So they said to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare?” ¹⁰And He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. ¹¹Then you shall say to the master of the house, “The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?”’ ¹²Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready.”

¹³So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

Application – They found the word of God to be true, and just as he said

* We will find the word of God to be true and just as it says – Created..., Sin..., Bad, Good..., Promise...

New Information:

1. He was His Own Man

a. Younger brother of James – w/Bro (Son/Thunder) desiring to call down fire, Requester of Royalty...

* James was the first to die for Jesus

Acts 12:1-2 ¹Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.

²Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

* He didn't try and be just like his big brother

* John was one of the last to die – Book of Revelation written somewhere around 90 A.D.

Revelation 1:9 ⁹I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

b. Companion of Peter – Peter Usually did most of the talking – Gospels & Acts!

Acts 3:1 ¹Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

Acts 3:6 ⁶Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

Acts 3:11-12 ¹¹Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. ¹²So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?”

* Peter Preached!

* John Wrote!

* Author of: Gospel of John; 1, 2, 3 John; Revelation

* Only Luke (Luke/Acts) & Paul wrote more of the N.T. than John

Application – We all have different gifts, they can all be used for God's glory!

2. He is the “Other Disciple”... “Whom Jesus Loved”.

John 13:23-26 ²³Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. ²⁵Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.” And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

John 18:16 ¹⁶But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

John 20:2 ²Then she (Mary Magdalene) ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”

John 20:3 ³Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb.

John 20:4 ⁴So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

John 20:8 ⁸Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.

John 21:20-22 ²⁰Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” ²¹Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” ²²Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

* Negative - He had running feud with Peter – Ran faster! (**John 20:2-8**); Peter's Jealousy (**John 21:20-23**)

* Positive – the “other disciple, whom Jesus love” – **John 13:23, 20:2, 21:20**;

* John absolutely believed Jesus loved him!!!

* THAT transformed him into the Apostle of Love

3. Man Impacted by “Transforming Incidents”

a. Samaritan Situation –

Luke 9:51-56 ⁵¹Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, ⁵²and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. ⁵³But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?” ⁵⁵But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. ⁵⁶For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.” And they went to another village.

b. Additional Indictment (as a Son of Thunder): -

Luke 9:49-50 ⁴⁹Now John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us.” ⁵⁰But Jesus said to him, “Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side.”

c. Jesus Trusted John Most Precious Possession –

John 19:25-27 ²⁵Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” ²⁷Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

Application –

1. We need to look at what God is working in us while He working on to us during Transforming Incidents!

* For it is through these three Transforming Incidents, as well as others, Jesus Transformed John from a “Son of Thunder” to an Apostle of Love!

4. John is Best Known as the Apostle of Love!

a. John Believed Jesus loved Him so he wanted everyone to believe in Jesus also!

* So he wrote about it:

John 20:30-31 ³⁰And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

* Believe – 266 times in N.T.; 139 times in Gospels; 101 times in John = 38% in N.T. & 73% Gospels!

Application – Believe! - **John 3:36** ³⁶He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

b. Believed Salvation through Jesus Christ was the Manifestation of God’s Love!

* So he wrote about it:

Love = 285 times in N.T.; 91 times in Gospels; 91 times in Gospels; 57 times in John; 117 times in John’s writings = 41% in N.T.; 63% in Gospels

John 3:16 ¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 4:7-11 ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Application - ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. – LOVE!!!