

THE MAN WITH FOUR NAMES
MATT. 13:55 / 8-25-19 / PM

I. HIS LIFE.

- A. His name or names.
1. Matthew 10:3 and Mark 3:18 both call him Thaddeus.
 2. The KJV of Matthew 10:3 lists him as "Lebbaeus whose surname was Thaddaeus".
 3. Luke 6:16 and Acts 1:13 both call him "Judas son of James".
 4. John 14:22 calls him "Judas not Iscariot" to distinguish him from the one who betrayed Jesus.
 5. Judas was a popular name in the N.T. and it means "Jehovah Leads".
 6. Some scholars suggest Judas was his given name and Lebbaeus and Thaddeus were nicknames.
 - a. Lebbaeus means "heart child".
 - b. Thaddeus means "breast child"
 - c. Both are terms of endearment probably given to him by his family.
- B. Some scholars believe Thaddeus or Jude was the half-brother of Jesus and therefore wrote the N.T. book of Jude. Most Protestants, however, think these are two different Jude's.
- C. His father's name was James according to Acts 1:3.
- D. He is mentioned only 6 times in the N.T.
- E. The only detail we have about him was a question he asked Jesus on the night of the Passover and Jesus' arrest.
1. Jesus had been speaking to the twelve about is pending death—John 14:19-21.
 2. John refers to Thaddaeus "Judas not Isca^{ri}ot", to distinguish him from the Judas who betrayed Jesus.
 3. There is no doubt that it wasn't Judas Isca^{ri}ot because he had already left the table that night—John 13:21-30.

4. Thaddaeus was confused when Jesus said earlier he was leaving, so he asked Jesus about it—John 14:22.
5. What specifically was he confused about what Jesus said?
 - a. Perhaps he and the other disciples were hoping Jesus would declare himself publically to be the long awaited Messiah who would throw off Roman oppression.
 - b. Or perhaps he was fearful about Jesus leaving them alone.
 - c. Jesus' response to Thaddaeus' question may have been his attempt to assure them that he wasn't leaving them alone because the Holy Spirit would be in them—John 14:25-26.
6. Thaddaeus' question says at least two things about him.
 - a. First, he was comfortable enough with Jesus to interrupt his teaching with a question.
 - b. Second, he was inquisitive enough to want to ask his question.

II. HIS LESSONS.

1. First, Thaddaeus was secure enough to admit he didn't understand what Jesus was saying.
2. Second, Thaddaeus reminds us that no one understands everything about the Bible.
3. Third, Thaddaeus' encounter with Jesus reminds us that Jesus welcomes people with questions.
4. Fourth, we learn that Jesus is always approachable.
5. Fifth, Jesus' response to the question reveals that obedience demonstrates our love for God—John 14:23.