

July 12th, 2026

The Ones You've Never Heard Of

*The kingdom of God runs on
a completely different definition of _____.*

Who Were They?

The "Lesser-Known" Disciples

Disciple

Where They're Mentioned

James son of Alphaeus	Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13
Simon the Zealot	Matthew 10:4; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13
Thaddaeus (Judas son of James / Judas not Iscariot)	Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:16; John 14:22; Acts 1:13

- They were chosen with great _____ - _____ by Jesus.
Luke 6:12
- They were there for _____.
- We get a small glimpse in scripture of only one –
_____. John 14:22

What Do We See in Their Character or Story?

- They lived without _____.
- They were _____.
- They likely had strong _____.

How Did Jesus Shape Them?

- Jesus formed their character in _____. John 17:21
- Jesus _____ his mission to them. Acts 1:8

What Does Their Story Mean for Us?

1. The kingdom grows through people who _____ like me.
Matt 5:9
2. In the kingdom, unseen does not mean _____.
Matt 6:3-4
3. _____ matters more than recognition.
Col 1:6; 4:12-13

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What Do We See in Their Character or Story?

- They lived without recognition.
- They were overshadowed.
- They likely had strong differences.

How Did Jesus Shape Them?

- Jesus formed their character in obscurity. John 17:21
- Jesus entrusted his mission to them. Acts 1:8

What Does Their Story Mean for Us?

1. The kingdom grows through people who aren't like me.
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