

The People of the Bible – New Testament Review

Lesson: Matthew

(Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17)

READ LUKE 5:27- 32 – the call of Matthew

- Matthew (aka Levi) , son of Alphaeus (not the father of James)
- Not named in the Bible very much
- A Tax Collector
 - ▼ Tax collectors were hated thieves
 - ▼ A Jewish tax collector was like a traitor
 - ▲ Skilled in writing and tracking details
 - ▲ Politically astute
- The Gospel of Matthew
 - Main theme is that Jesus fulfills prophecy as the promised Messiah / Christ
 - At least 50 quotes from Old Testament fulfilled by Jesus and cited by Matthew
 - A big book – about same as Luke and Acts, 28 chapters, 40 pages
 - First Book in the New Testament
 - Most familiar of the Gospels
- Synoptic with Mark and Luke

Lesson: Peter

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts

Wrote 1 & 2 Peter

- a Fisherman
 - Disciple of John the Baptist
 - brought to Jesus by brother Andrew
 - renamed “a Stone” by Jesus
 - Chief Disciple
 - Leader
 - Asked questions
 - Walked on Water
 - First to declare Christ
- READ** Matthew 16:13-19
- Saw Christ glorified on the mount of transfiguration
 - Denied Christ & restored
 - Chief Apostle until Paul in Book of Acts
 - First to bring the gospel to Gentiles
- TELL** Story of Cornelius (Acts 10:1-48, 11:1-18)
- Crucified upside down in Rome

Lesson: John
(M,M,L,J,A)

John, brother of James, son of Zebedee, “sons of thunder”

Gospel of John teaches the deity of Christ
Wrote John, 1,2,3 John, Revelation

- a Fisherman
- Disciple of John the Baptist
- One of the three (raising maiden, mt transfig, garden gethsm)
- “The Disciple who Jesus Loved”
- Only disciple known to have witnessed the crucifixion
- Love one another!
- Old man as author
- only apostle not martyred for Christ
 - Boiled in oil, exiled to Patmos

LESSON – 12 DISCIPLES

- **Refer to Handout**
- Possible that Matthias was man’s choice, Paul was God’s choice.
- Disciple = Follower, student of
- Apostle = Ambassador; messenger with representative authority
- Biblical Apostles:
 - New Testament prophets,
 - Discipled by Jesus Christ,
 - Given unique authority by Jesus Christ,
 - Who organized and governed the church during the formative period given in the Book of Acts,
 - Taught with special revelation from God,
 - Spread the gospel throughout the known world, and
 - Wrote the New Testament under divine inspiration.
- All except John died under persecution for their faith.

LESSON – PAUL

(Acts, epistles)

- Saul
 - Member of the Sanhedran
 - Student of Gamalia
 - Persecutor of Stephen and the Church
 - Converted on Road to Damascus
 - Rejected in Jerusalem >> Tarsus
- Paul
 - 2/3 years in wilderness in Arabia
 - 10 years in Tarsus
 - Joins with Barnabas
 - 3 Mission journeys
 - Prison journey
 - House arrest
 - Released & joined by Peter at Rome
 - Re-arrested & beheaded
- Books
 - Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon

LESSON – BARNABAS

(Acts)

- Probably a follower of Jesus before His crucifixion, but not certain
- Joseph of Cyprus – Disciples changed his name to Barnabas “Son of Encouragement”
- Sold all his land, gave it to the church **READ ACTS 4:34-37**
- Introduces Saul/Paul to the disciples at Jerusalem
- Goes to Antioch as the first missionary to the Gentiles, gets Paul
- Goes on first missionary journey with Paul, and John Mark (his nephew, author of Mark)
- Referred to as an apostle in Acts 14:4
- May be author of Hebrews
- Goes on second missionary separate from Paul, with Mark
- Traditionally martyred on Cyprus, long after 2nd missionary journey.

Review Time – Luke

(Acts, epistles)

- Great Historian
- Paul met during 2nd Missionary Journey
- Doctor
- Gentile
- Visited Jerusalem
- With Paul during Roman Trial & House arrest
- Wrote Luke and Acts as an apologetic defense for Paul & Christianity

LESSON – **Mark**
(Acts, epistles)

- Barnabas' Nephew
- Native of Jerusalem
- Interpreter and assistant for Peter
- Many years in Jerusalem
- Wrote the Gospel of Mark
 - First of the Gospels
 - Probably before AD 63
 - One of the earliest NT Books
- Used as a source for Matthew and Luke
- Went on 1st Missionary journey with Paul
 - Left early – reason for split later
- Went on 2nd Missionary with Barnabas
- Was with Timothy in Ephesus
- Paul called for Mark from Rome (II Timothy 5)
- Later rejoined Peter in Babylon (I Peter)
- Peter sent him to be a missionary to Egypt
- Founded Alexandrian Church as Bishop