Interesting Facts About the Apostles

- The names are listed in four places
  - Matthew 10:2-4
  - Mark 3:16-19
  - Acts 1:11
- Some of them had two names:
  - Either a surname
  - Or a given name
- Of the twelve:
  - Four were fishermen
  - One was a publican (tax collector)
  - One a zealot
  - Not know what the others were
- Two families were partners in the fishing business:
  - James & John with Zebedee their father
  - Simon and Andrew
- Eleven of the 12 were apostles were Galileans. Judas was the only Judean
- Not one of the 12 was a “professional” religionist
- Peter, James, & John composed the “inner circle” of the apostles
- Jesus renamed Peter:
  - Simon was his natural name
  - His new name was “Peter” (Greek), “Cephas” (Aramais) Both meaning “Rock.”
- Peter
  - Was brought to Jesus by his brother Andrew
  - A native of Bethsaida (John 1:44)
  - Had a home in Capernaum (Mark 1:29)
  - Was a partner in the fishing business with James and John
  - Had a wife (Matthew 8:14; Mark 1:30; Luke 4:38)
  - His wife accompanied him in his apostolic travels (1 Cor. 9:5)
- James
  - Was the older brother of John
  - Was the first apostle to die. Killed by Herod in A.D. 44
- John
  - Is know as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 13:23)
  - Had a house in Jerusalem (John 19:27)
  - Would have been a cousin of Jesus if Salome, his mother, and Mary were sisters
  - Employed “hired servants” (Mark 1:16-20)
  - Was a personal acquaintance of the high Priest (John 18:15-16)
  - Jesus nicknamed him :Son of Thunder” (Mark 3:17)
- Thomas was a twin
- Philip brought Nathaniel to Jesus
- James “The Less” was perhaps so called due to his little stature
- Among the 12 apostles, Jesus selected a publican and a zealot. During the 1st Century these two factions were bitter rivals.