

UNDERCOVER HEROES

Follow—No Experience Necessary (9)

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James the Less, Simon the Zealot and Judas, not Iscariot

Luke 6: 14-16; Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Acts 1:13

- Least known of all disciples
- Gave up everything to follow Jesus (Luke 18: 28)
- Gospels record how Jesus trained them
- Durability of their faith—John 6

JAMES THE SON OF ALPHEAUS (the Mikros)

- Pedigree DOESN'T matter. The One they serve does!
- ETERNITY will reveal the names and testimonies of these followers.

SIMON THE ZEALOT

- Member of the Jewish MAFIA
- Preached FEARLESSLY in the British Isles!

JUDAS SON OF JAMES

- Trinomious= Judas, Lebbaeus, Thaddeaus
- John 14:22ff - Tenderhearted Question: “Why only us?”
Sincere Answer: “One HEART at a time!”
- Took Gospel to Edessa, Mesopotamia (Turkey), healed King Abgar.
Symbol for Judas= CLUB

LEADER LESSONS:

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Bible Reading: Hebrews 11:32- 39

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.

³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—

³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,