

# Mark 3:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,

## Analysis

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This verse lists remaining apostles: Andrew (Peter's brother), Philip, Bartholomew (likely Nathanael), Matthew (Levi), Thomas (Didymus), James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus (Judas son of James), Simon the Canaanite (Zealot). This diverse group included fishermen, tax collector, political revolutionary, skeptic—unlikely teammates united by Christ's call. Reformed theology emphasizes God's sovereign election transcends human qualifications and unites diverse individuals. The Twelve's diversity foreshadows church's universal composition.

## Historical Context

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The apostolic band reflected first-century diversity. Matthew (tax collector) collaborated with Rome; Simon (Zealot) opposed occupation—natural enemies united in Christ. Philip and Andrew had Greek names, suggesting Hellenistic influence. Little is known about several apostles—their obscurity demonstrates faithful service matters more than fame. Church tradition assigns missionary activity: Thomas to India, Philip to Asia Minor, etc.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Twelve's diversity challenge you to pursue gospel unity with different believers?
2. What does inclusion of political enemies (Matthew and Simon) teach about Christ's reconciling power?
3. How does obscurity of several apostles encourage faithful service without recognition?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	Ἀνδρέαν	καὶ	Φίλιππον	καὶ	Βαρθολομαῖον	καὶ
And	Andrew	And	Philip	And	Bartholomew	And
G2532	G406	G2532	G5376	G2532	G918	G2532
Ματθαῖον,	καὶ	Θωμᾶν	καὶ	Ἰάκωβον	τὸν	τὸν
Matthew	And	Thomas	And	James	the son	the son
G3156	G2532	G2381	G2532	G2385	G3588	G3588
Ἀλφαίου	καὶ	Θαδδαῖον	καὶ	Σίμωνα	τὸν	Κανανίτην,
of Alphaeus	And	Thaddaeus	And	Simon	the son	the Canaanite
G256	G2532	G2280	G2532	G4613	G3588	G2581

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 1:13** (Parallel theme): And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

**Mark 2:14** (Parallel theme): And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

**Matthew 9:9** (Parallel theme): And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

**James 1:1** (Parallel theme): James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

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