

13 Disciples



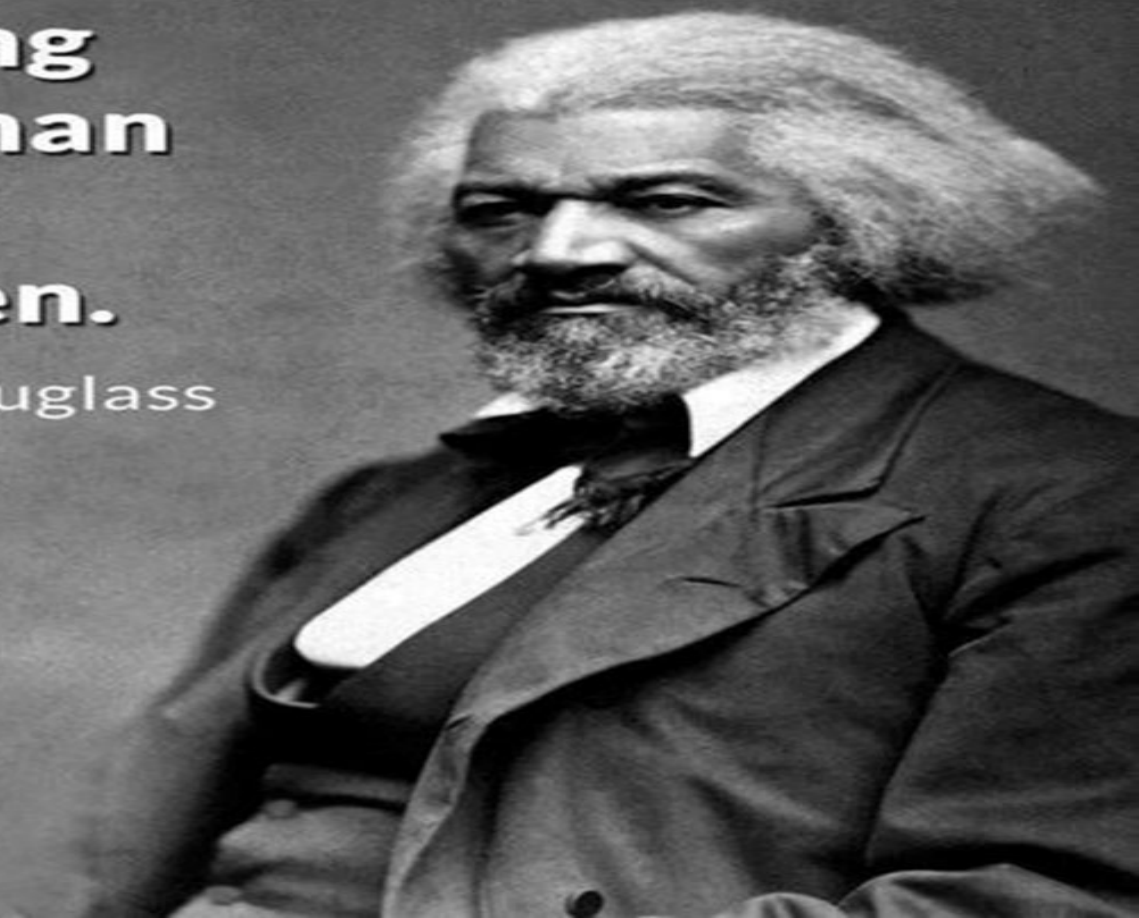
Lessons in
following Christ

10 Most Popular Father's Day Sayings

- 1 By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. Charles Wadsworth
- 2 Any man can be a father but it takes someone special to be a dad. Anne Geddes
- 3 A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty. Author Unknown
- 4 It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was. Anne Sexton
- 5 It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father. Pope John XXIII
- 6 A father is a banker provided by nature. French Proverb
- 7 You know, fathers just have a way of putting everything together. Erika Cosby
- 8 The greatest gift I ever had came from God: I call him Dad! Author Unknown
- 9 A father carries pictures where his money used to be. Author Unknown
- 10 Once a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, make me the kind of man my daddy is. Later that night, the father prayed, Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants. Author Unknown

**It is easier to
build strong
children than
to repair
broken men.**

- Frederick Douglass





LET THEM SEE YOU IN ME

MATT 3:16

K E V I N C A R D E N P H O T O G R A P H Y

13 Disciples

The background of the slide features a silhouette of thirteen men, representing the disciples, standing on a rocky shore. They are positioned against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise sky, which creates a strong backlighting effect. The men are dressed in traditional robes and some are holding staffs. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

**Discipleship Lessons from
James the greater**

The apostle James



James, son of Zebedee

- **A Fishermen; 4 closest disciples to Jesus**
- **Older brother of John the “beloved”**
- **Sons of Thunder! Meaning?**





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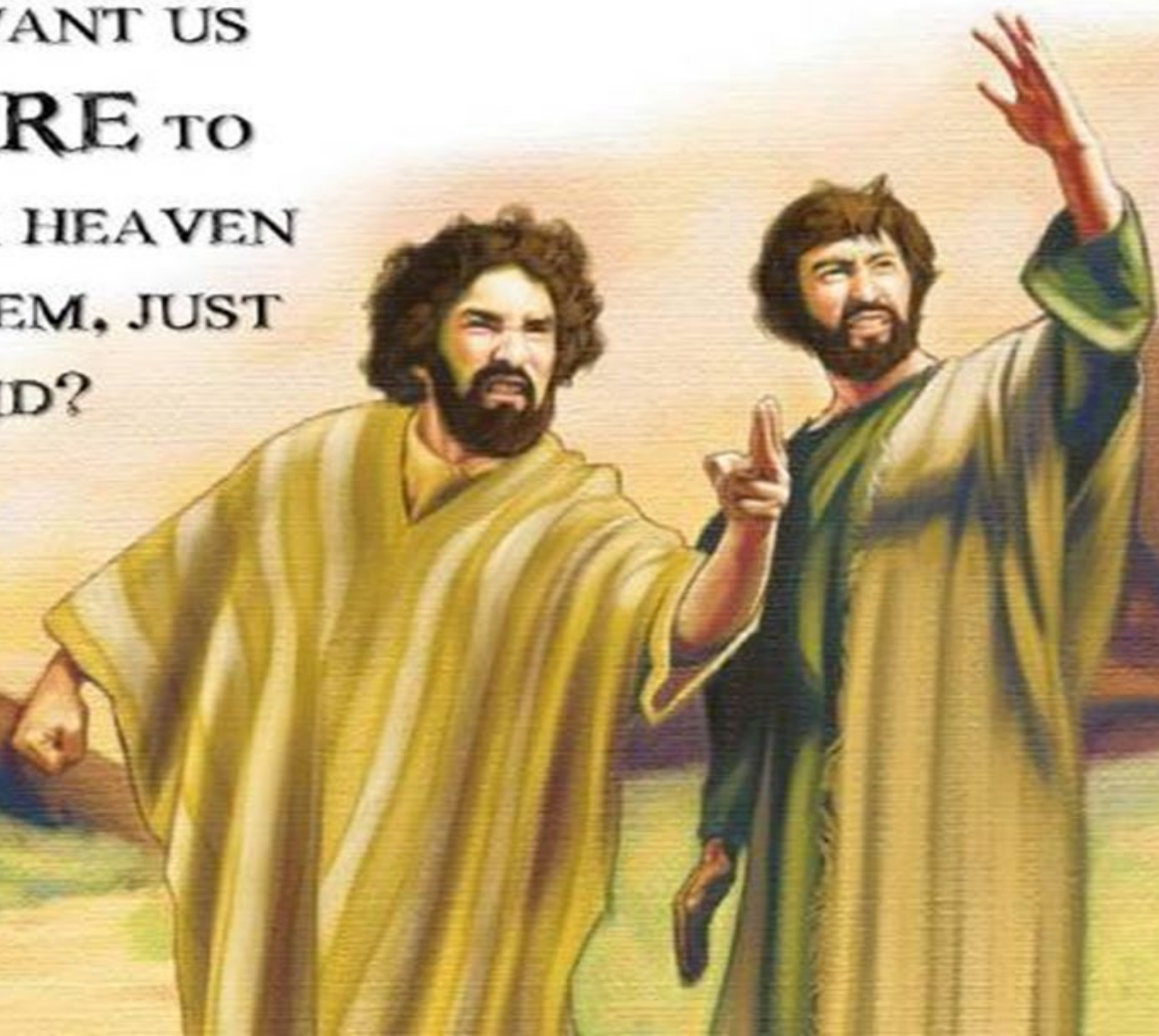
Only the inner circle

- **The raising of Jairus' daughter, Luke 8**
- **The Transfiguration, Matthew 17**
- **The Garden of Gethsemane, Matthew 26**



LORD, DO YOU WANT US
TO COMMAND **FIRE** TO
COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN
AND CONSUME THEM, JUST
AS ELIJAH DID?

Luke 9:54



Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem

- Went through Samaria, not received
- Want us to call fire from heaven?!!
- Jesus rebuked them! – Luke 9:55



Jericho Road - The normal route for Jews going to Jerusalem from the Galilee region

Shortest, but more dangerous route to Jerusalem from the Galilee

Mt. Hermon
Possible location of the transfiguration

Caesarea Philippi
Location where Jesus took his disciples for their "graduation"; ref. Mt. 16, Mk. 8

Capernaum
On the Sea of Galilee; where Jesus lived during his public ministry

Home of the Samaritans who worshipped on Mt. Gerizim

Mt. Gerizim (Samaritan Mountains)

Jericho

Jerusalem

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Posturing for Prominence, Mark 10

- Can we sit beside you when you rule?
- 2nd time at the Last Supper
- It bred Apostles arguing!



JESUS' DISCIPLES



ARGUE ABOUT GREATNESS

A SAVIOR IS BORN? Birth in Manger Reveals Looming Crisis in Housing, Transportation

Experts: Salvation Disproportionately Benefits the Rich

What's in it for the poor and minorities?

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

Salvation is a concept that has long been debated by scholars and theologians. While many believe it is a gift from God, others argue that it is a privilege reserved for the wealthy and powerful. In a recent study, experts have found that salvation is disproportionately benefited by the rich, leaving the poor and minorities at a disadvantage.

SUSPECTED RELIGIOUS CULTISTS EXPOSED IN BETHLEHEM

Scrutiny Tightens On Three Magoi's Lobbying Operation

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

Three individuals suspected of being religious cultists have been exposed in Bethlehem. The individuals, who are members of a group known as the Magoi, have been accused of running a lobbying operation that aims to influence government policy.

"JESUS HAS NO MEDICAL INSURANCE" Another young family failed by the government



Uninsured parents are often forced to give birth in back alleys

Lifestyles:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SYNDROME

A troubling trend among low-income mothers: What should the government do about it?



Study finds 47% of all inner city women claimed Immaculate Conception at one time or another

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

A recent study has found that 47% of all inner city women claimed to have an immaculate conception at one time or another. This finding is particularly troubling given the high rates of poverty and social inequality in these areas.

STATE FUNDS RESEARCH TO PREVENT NEW CASES OF ICS

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

The state has funded research to prevent new cases of Immaculate Conception Syndrome (ICS). The research aims to identify the causes of ICS and develop strategies to prevent it from occurring again.

"Savior" Born To a Transient Couple

More proof that anyone can become homeless

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

A recent study has found that the "Savior" was born to a transient couple. This finding is more proof that anyone can become homeless, regardless of their social status or background.

UNDOCUMENTED SHEPHERDS:



"We herd sheep Jews won't herd"

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

Undocumented shepherds are often overlooked in government reports. These individuals, who are responsible for herding sheep, are often seen as a nuisance rather than as a vital part of the local economy.

BABY JESUS IN STATE CUSTODY

Social Workers Declare Mary, Joseph Unfit Parents

"Time for the State to step in"

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

Social workers have declared Mary and Joseph unfit parents, and the baby Jesus is now in state custody. This decision has caused a great deal of controversy and concern among the public.

WHERE'S THE BABY'S BIOLOGICAL FATHER?

Social Worker threatened with damnation for suggesting God might be the ultimate deadbeat parent

"I DON'T WANT TO GO TO HELL!"

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

A social worker has been threatened with damnation for suggesting that God might be the ultimate deadbeat parent. The worker's comments have caused a great deal of controversy and concern among the public.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S SUCCESS STORY

Herod administration implements ultra-late-term, post birth (up to 2 yrs, or 8th trimester) abortion regimen

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

Planned Parenthood has achieved a success story as the Herod administration implements an ultra-late-term, post birth abortion regimen. This regimen allows for the abortion of a fetus up to two years, or the eighth trimester, after birth.

Who Killed the Dead Sea?

Environmental group points fingers



Large Roman-made chariots are most commonly blamed for the disaster

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

An environmental group has pointed fingers at large Roman-made chariots for the disaster that occurred at the Dead Sea. The group claims that the chariots were responsible for the environmental damage.

"SAVIOR'S" BIRTH TRIGGERS CALLS FOR MORE ROMAN TROOPS IN JUDEA

"The legions are stretched too thin"

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

The birth of the Savior has triggered calls for more Roman troops in Judea. Roman officials claim that the legions are stretched too thin to handle the situation.

GALILEE ORATOR UNDER FIRE

"Bethlehem Census a big government sham to get at more of your shekels"



By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

A Galilean orator is under fire for his criticism of the Bethlehem Census. The orator claims that the census is a big government sham designed to get more of the people's shekels.

How could this happen?

- It probably started nobly and devolved
- These are mostly selfless men!
- Our flesh is deeply flawed, watch it!



JESUS' DISCIPLES



SuperBook

ARGUE ABOUT GREATNESS

James was a hardcore disciple!

- James was 1st Apostle martyred, Acts 12
- Willing to die for Christ, Luke 14:26-27
- Why did God let James die, Peter delivered? Does God have favorites?



HOW DID THE APOSTLES DIE?

Bartholomew

Flayed to death by whip in Asia Minor

Andrew

Crucified on X-shaped cross in Greece

Simon

Crucified in Persia

James*

Beheaded in Palestine
(*Son of Zebedee)

Thomas

Stabbed with a spear in India

Peter

Crucified upside down by Nero

how
did the
APOSTLES
die?

We did not follow cleverly devised fables...
but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.
2nd Peter 1:16

Matthew

Impaled by spears in Ethiopia

James*

Thrown off wall then clubbed to death
(*Son of Alphaeus)

Jude

Crucified by magi in Persia

John

Died in exile on island of Patmos

Matthias

Stoned and beheaded

Philip

Hung by iron hooks upside down

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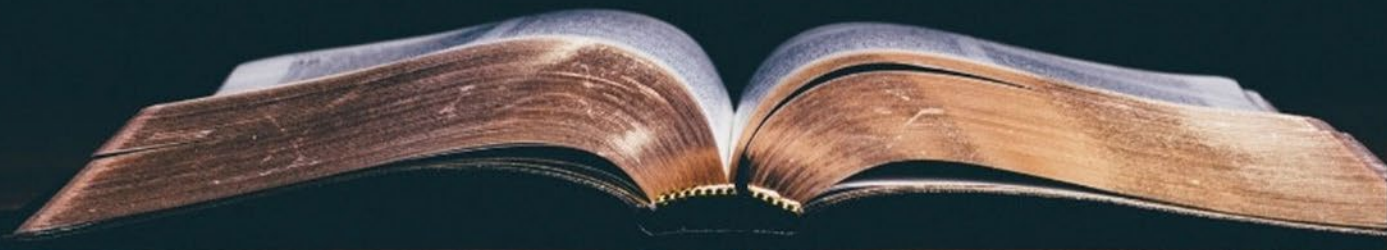
Revelation 12:11 "They **OVERCAME** him because of the **BLOOD** of the **LAMB** and because of the **WORD** of their **TESTIMONY**, and they did **NOT LOVE** their **LIFE** even when **FACED** with **DEATH**."

God shows no favoritism/partiality

- For there is no partiality with God, Rom 2
- God shows no favoritism, Gal 2:6
- Come close to God and He will come close to you , Jam 4:8



WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE LIFE OF JAMES THE APOSTLE?



COMPELLING
TRUTH

Thunder and Lightning

- **We need sons of Thunder too!**
- **Are you willing to die 4 Him?**
- **You can be as close to God as Apostles!**





Ears to hear, eyes to see

- **Watch yourself! Our sneaky pride!**
- **Leaders must be servants**
- **Circumstances don't define us**





James, son of Zebedee

- Son of Zebedee
- Boanerges (Son of Thunder)
- "James the Elder"
- "James the Great"

- Son of Zebedee. (Matthew 4:21)
- Son of Salome. (Matthew 27:56; Mark 16:1)
- Fisherman with his father and his brother. (Matthew 4:18-22)
- Brother of John. (Matthew 4:21)
- Partner with Peter. (Luke 5:10)
- One of the pillars of the Jerusalem church. (Galatians 2:9)
- Put to death by the sword by Herod Agrippa I. The only one of the twelve disciples who died for his faith that was recorded in Scripture. (Acts 12:2)

- Vengeful and fiery. (Luke 9:54)
- Selfish and conceited. (Mark 10:35-37)
- Committed to Christ and courageous to the end. (Acts 12:2)

- Was called to be a fisher of men. (Matthew 4:19) Left everything to follow Jesus. (Luke 5:11)
- One of the three disciples in the core group of disciples. (Mark 5:37; 9:2; 13:3; 14:33)
- Jesus named him and John "Sons of Thunder." (Mark 3:17)
- Was rebuked with his brother John for requesting God to rain fire on a Samaritan village. (Luke 9:54, 55)
- Witnessed Jesus' Transfiguration (where Jesus' divinity was revealed). (Mark 9:2-8)
- Jesus responded to James's and John's request to sit at his right and left in the Kingdom. (Mark 10:35-43)
- Was with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Matthew 26:36-46)
- Witnessed the miraculous catch of fish on the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection. (John 21:2-7)

Stand firm in the face of persecution.

Some claim he was the first bishop in Spain.

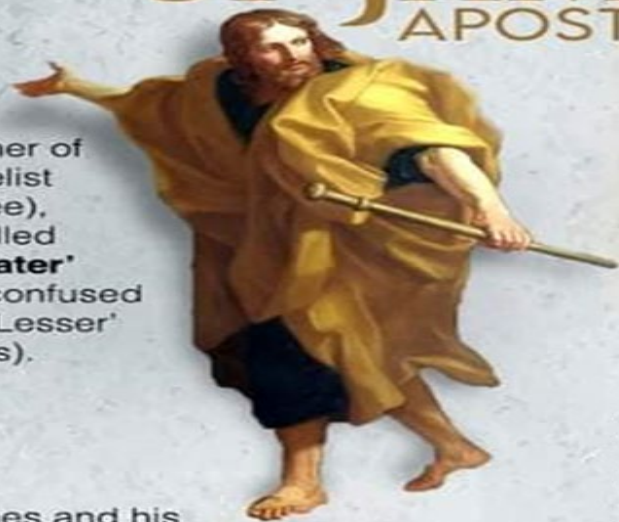
Symbols of James sometimes include the bishop's hat and the sword, which is in reference to his martyrdom.

SON OF
THUNDER



ST JAMES APOSTLE

James, the brother of John the Evangelist (Sons of Zebedee), is sometimes called **'James the Greater'** so as not to be confused with 'James the Lesser' (Son of Alphaeus).



SON OF THUNDER

Jesus gives James and his brother, John, the nickname **'Sons of Thunder'**.

This could be a reference to either their speech or their tempers!



Like several of Jesus' disciples, James was a fisherman before he was called by Jesus.



James was one of the favoured three who had the privilege of witnessing the **Transfiguration**, the raising to life of Jairus' daughter, and the agony at Gethsemane. Peter and John were the others.

James was, apparently, the first of the apostles to be martyred.



SAINT JAMES *the* Greater

Feast Day July 25



One of three apostles who witnessed Jesus' Transfiguration.

First apostle to die. He was martyred when King Herod Agrippa decapitated him with a sword (Acts 12:1-2).



The title "the Greater" was added to distinguish him from St James "the Less", who is believed to have been shorter.

His remains can be found in the Cathedral of Santiago in Spain.



Patron saint of pilgrims and Spain.

BE BELIEVE
LONG
COME
BOANERGES



³⁵ James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."

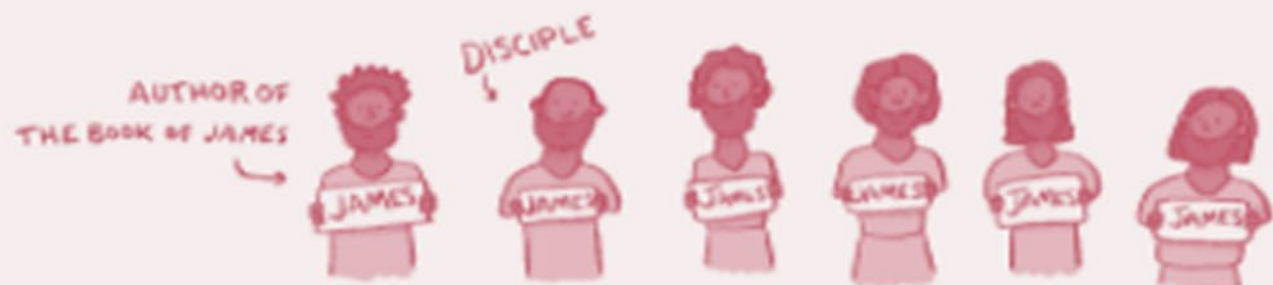
MARK 10:35-45

**SAVED
TO SERVE**

JAMES

THE TWELVE APOSTLES





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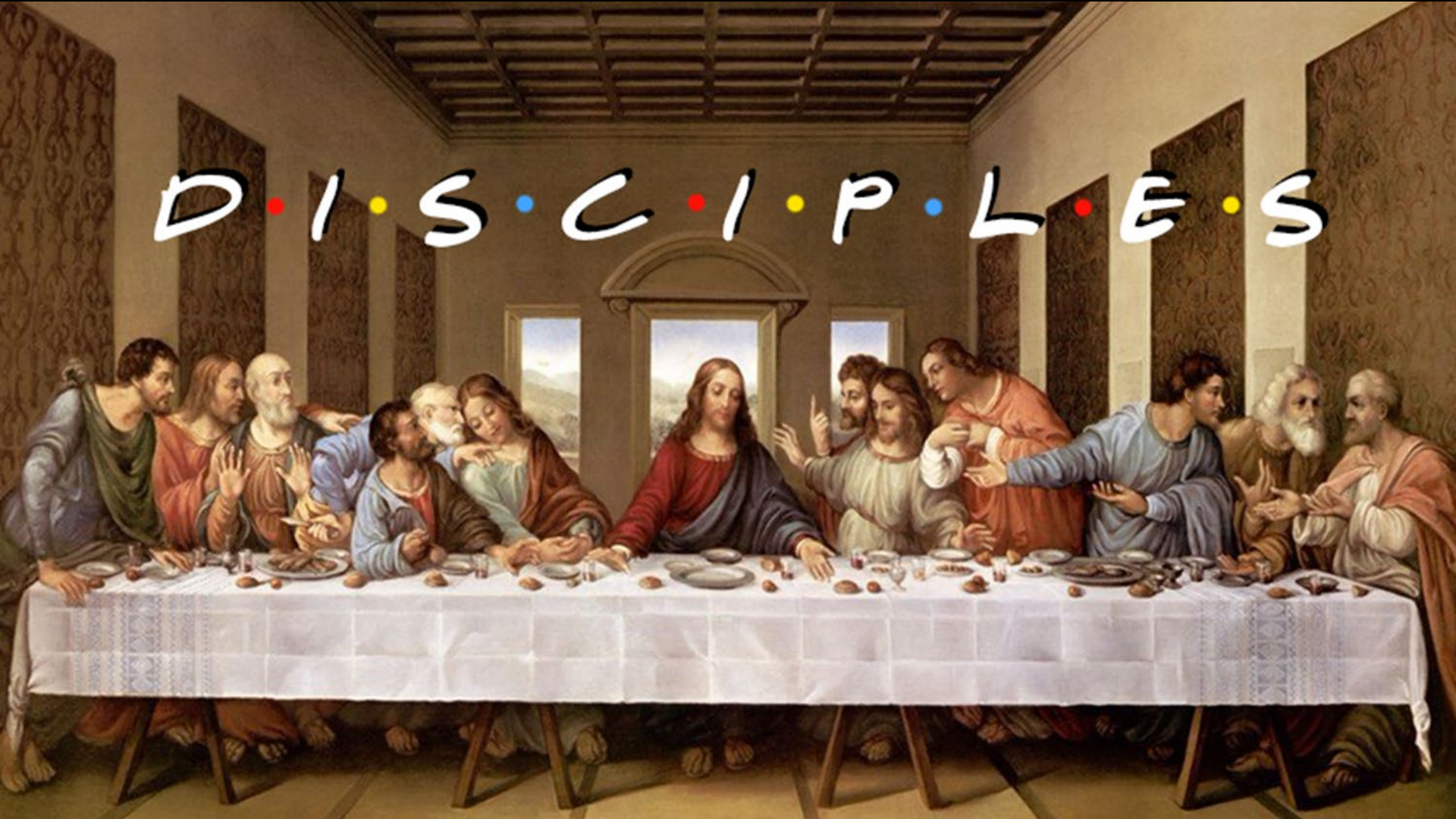


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JESUS, JAMES, AND JOHN

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The Promise of Resurrection

Mark 10:37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."





The Leaders Shall Serve

Luke 22:74, 24-30

When the time came for Jesus and the apostles to eat, the apostles got into an argument about which one of them was the greatest. Jesus told them,

*Foreign kings order their people around. Powerful rulers call themselves everyone's friends. Don't be like them. The most important one of you should be like the least important. Your leader should be like a servant.

Who do people think is the greatest – a person who is served or one who serves? Isn't it the one who is served? But I have been with you as a servant. You have stayed with me in all my troubles. So I will give you the

right to rule as kings, just as my Father has given me the right to rule as a king. You will eat and drink with me in my kingdom. And you will each sit on a throne to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.*

