

LESSON 13 - THE GOOD NEWS

Words to know:

Apostle: One has to be first trained as a "*disciple*" (learning from the teacher), before one can be sent out as an "*apostle*" (representing the teacher).

Disciple: is a learner or follower.

Q1. What is the good news that Jesus taught?

A1. The Good news that Jesus taught was God loves us and wants us to be with him in heaven.

Q2. What happened at Jesus's baptism?

A2. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the beloved with whom I am well pleased." *Matthew 3:17*

Q3. Name the twelve apostles.

A3. Peter, Andrew, James, John (sons of Zebedee), James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the Zealot), Philip, Bartholomew, Thaddeus (Judas son of James), Thomas, Matthew (tax collector), Judas Iscariot (replaced by Mathias).

JESUS' DISCIPLES

The names of Jesus' disciples are listed below. Write the letter of the correct disciple's name in front of each statement on the left. Answers may be used more than once or not at all.

Then, see how many of the names (in bold) that you can find in the word search.

___ I was a tax collector. (Matt. 9:9)

___ I betrayed Jesus. (Matt.10:4)

___ I denied Jesus three times, but later repented. (Matt. 26:69-75)

___ I was Peter's brother. (John 1:40)

___ We were brothers, the sons of Zebedee. (Mark 1:19-20)

___ I said that I would not believe that Jesus was risen until I saw the print of the nails in His hands. (John 20:24-28)

___ I beat Peter in a foot race to the empty tomb. (John 20:6-10)

___ Jesus asked me where we should buy bread for 5,000 people. (John 6:5-7)

___ My name means

"Twin". (John 20:24)

A. Peter (also called Simon)

B. Andrew

C. James

D. John

E. Philip

F. Bartholomew (also called Nathanael)

G. Thomas

H. Matthew

I. James (the Lesser)

J. Jude (also called Thaddeus)

K. Simon the Zealot

L. Judas (Iscaiot)

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r	m	m	l	j	n	n	h	d	d	s
j	a	m	o	s	r	l	n	e	u	j
s	j	p	h	i	l	i	p	t	j	e
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THE PARABLE OF THE YEAST (LEAVEN) (Matthew 13:33)

Q.1. What is yeast?

A.1. Yeast is a rising agent used in the making of bread.

Q.2. What does the yeast represent in the Parable?

A.2. The yeast represents the Kingdom of God.

Q.3. What does the parable teach us?

A.3. The parable teaches us that like the yeast that rises in the dough and doubles in size, so is the Word of God grows and spread to all nations.

Q.4. Why does Jesus compare yeast to the Kingdom of God?

A.4. When the woman mixed yeast in 3 measures of flour she left it to double in size. In the same way, the Kingdom of God also starts growing from small beginnings.

THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED (Mark 4:26-29)

Q.1. What type of seed does Jesus refer to as the smallest seed planted in a garden?

A.2. Mustard seed

Q.2. What happens to the seed when it is scattered in the ground?

A.2. When the seed falls into the ground, nature takes its course. The seed sprouts, then it produces a stalk and leaves and the head of grain appears

Q.3. What does the seed represent?

A.3. The seed in the parable represents the Word of God. Jesus said the kingdom of heaven or the church was like this mustard seed, which when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches; so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.