

# Jesus Twelve Disciples (Part 09 - James, Son of Alphaeus)

(Mark 3:13-19)

## I. Twelve disciples of Jesus

(a). Teacher mentions the names of Jesus' 12 disciples and asks the children to recall the names:

- ▶ Simon Peter           ▶ James           ▶ John           ▶ Andrew           ▶ Philip           ▶ Bartholomew
- ▶ Matthew           ▶ Thomas           ▶ James son of Alphaeus   ▶ Thaddaeus   ▶ Simon the Zealot   ▶ Judas Iscariot

(b). Every disciple of Christ needs:

- ▶ To always direct their heart to the best quality of choices
- ▶ To keep humble Before God

## II. Lesson From James, Son of Alphaeus

### ▶ Three Different James in the Bible

(a). Three Different James in the Bible:

1. James, son of Zebedee (That was also known as James the greater, brother of John) Mat. 4:21  
(we have learnt about James, son of Zebedee in part 2 of the series of the Twelve Disciples of Jesus)
2. James, brother of Jesus Mark 6:3
3. James, son of Alphaeus Mark 3:17

Although they had the same name "James", but they had different quality in the way of pleasing God's heart.

James, brother of Jesus, for instance, he did even not believe that Jesus was the Saviour John 7:4-5.

(b). Teacher asks the children as to whether they know the meaning of their names?

(only ask those who know the meaning of their names). Ask also: "Have you been practising the attitude that is being reflected on the meaning of your names?" (such as: Grace, Fidel which means faithful, etc).

### ▶ James, Son of Alphaeus - Brother of Matthew Mark 3:18 (compare to Mark 2:14 Mat. 9:9...>> just for a reference)

(a). Before following Jesus heartily, Matthew (brother of James, son of Alphaeus) was known as a tax collector. A job that was really despised/hated by the Jews. A Tax collector in that times was always forcing people to give a big amount of money to the ruler. Unlike his brother, James had a right choice to choose different works.

(b). Everyday you may have wide range of choices to do things that may glorify our Lord Jesus.

(c). Teacher give examples about things that we can do to glorify God (but firstly ask the children to share their instances).



Teacher gives their testimony about glorifying God and the impacts of such practice

### ▶ James, the less

(a). James, Son of Alphaeus was also known as James the less Mark 15:40 (KJV). In other words, James was standing as "little" but great in God's eyes.

(b). The word of God says: "whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven".

Matthew 18:4

(c). Encourage the children to always practice of being humble before men and God

## III. Class Creativity