

GOD BUILDS HIS NATION

The Story of Abraham, His Descendants, and the Birth of Israel

God made a promise to Abraham when he was **70 years old**:
He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Genesis 15:5

#7
 MOST MENTIONED MAN
 IN THE BIBLE

ABRAHAM

He was **100 YEARS OLD** when Isaac was born.

OBEYING GOD, he was ready to sacrifice his son Isaac, but the Lord sent an angel to stop him.

LIVED TO BE **175**

#1
 MOST MENTIONED WOMAN
 IN THE BIBLE

SARAH

STRUGGLED WITH WAITING on God to fulfill His promises but was still chosen to be the mother of nations.

She was **90 YEARS OLD** when Isaac was born. His birth was a gift from God.

#4
 MOST MENTIONED WOMAN
 IN THE BIBLE

REBEKAH

Gave birth to Jacob and Esau, **THE FIRST TWINS** mentioned in the Bible.

#15
 MOST MENTIONED MAN
 IN THE BIBLE

ISAAC

His name means **"HE LAUGHS"** because of his parents' reaction to God when He told them they would have a son at ages 90 and 100.



#4
 MOST MENTIONED MAN
 IN THE BIBLE

JACOB

Jacob and his mother **TRICKED ISAAC** into giving him the blessing of the firstborn, which belonged to Esau.

Was **RENAMED "ISRAEL"** by God.

Jacob's 12 sons became known as...

THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL



REUBEN



SIMEON



LEVI



JUDAH



DAN



NAPHTALI



GAD



ASHER



ISSACHAR



ZEBULUN



BENJAMIN

Instead of inheriting land of their own, Levi's descendants become the priests who dwell in all tribes.

BARNABAS

MOSES

JOHN THE BAPTIST

DANIEL

SAMSON

JESUS

It was foretold that the Messiah would dwell in their land. Galilee, where Jesus lived, is in Naphtali!

Keep reading to see what role Moses plays in the story of God's nation...

MORDECAI

KING SAUL

APOSTLE PAUL

MOSES

MOST MENTIONED MAN
#3
IN THE BIBLE

Four generations later, he led the Israelites (the name given to the descendants of Abraham) out of slavery in Egypt. It was called **THE EXODUS** (see more on page 14) and brought them one step closer to the Promised Land, where God's promise to Abraham was completed.

approximately
600,000 MEN + WOMEN + CHILDREN = 3-4 MILLION PEOPLE
(over the age of 20) (and all their flocks and herds)



Roughly the population of Los Angeles.



DID YOU KNOW:
THE NAKED EYE CAN SEE
4,548 STARS
IN THE NIGHT SKY,
AND THERE ARE BETWEEN
100 BILLION and **400 BILLION**
STARS IN OUR GALAXY
(THE MILKY WAY).

MOST MENTIONED MAN
#9
IN THE BIBLE



JOSEPH

EPHRAIM

MANASSEH

JOSHUA

SAMUEL

Jacob gave Joseph the blessing usually for the firstborn. Joseph received two portions of land in the name of his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh.

JOSEPH'S ROBE OF MANY COLORS

SYMBOLIZED

his status as favorite son, the blessing of his birth, and his gift of prophetic dreams.

FORESHADOWED

his future blessings.

INTENSIFIED

his brothers' jealousy.

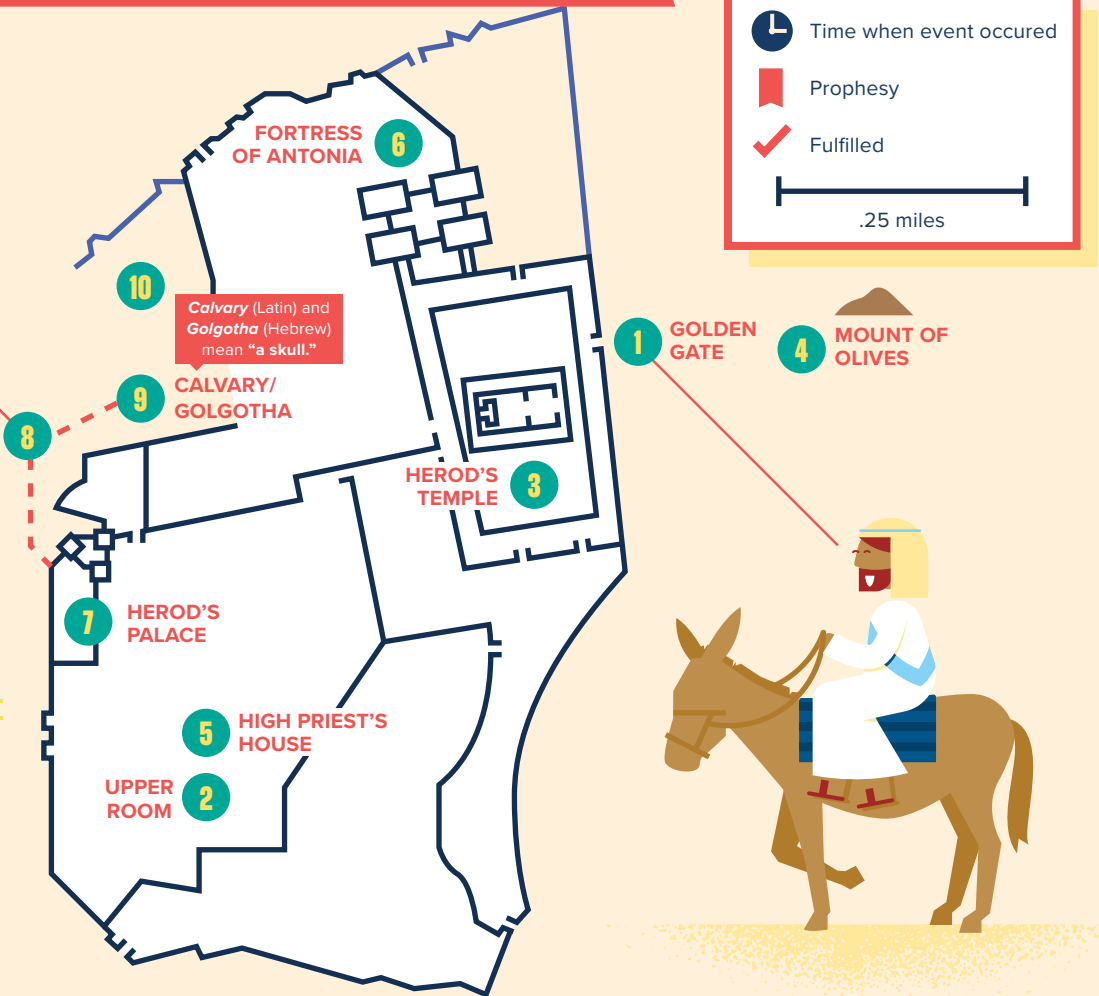
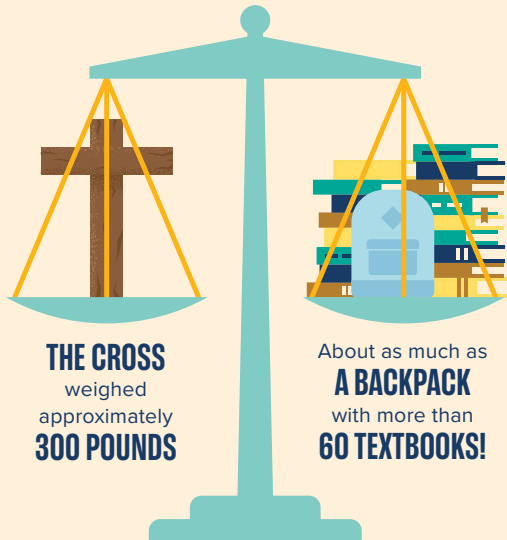
TRICKED

Jacob into believing he was dead.

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

SACRIFICED FOR OUR SIN

THE VIA DOLOROSA, or "the way of suffering," was about a third of a mile long. Normally a 9-minute walk, it took Jesus 3 hours.



1 RODE INTO JERUSALEM ON PALM SUNDAY.

JESUS RODE ON A DONKEY

Zechariah 9:9

Matthew 21:5-6



A week before the resurrection.

2 SHARED THE LAST SUPPER WITH DISCIPLES.

The day before the crucifixion.



3 BETRAYED BY JUDAS, ONE OF HIS 12 DISCIPLES.

HE WAS BETRAYED BY A FRIEND

Psalm 55:12-14

Matthew 26:48-50



JUDAS WAS PAID 30 PIECES OF SILVER

Zechariah 11:12

Matthew 26:14-15



4 ARRESTED BY A CROWD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

HIS DISCIPLES DESERTED HIM

Zechariah 13:7

Matthew 26:56



5 TRIED BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN.

HE WAS ACCUSED BY FALSE WITNESSES

Psalm 35:11

Matthew 26:59-60



6 TRIED BEFORE PONTIUS PILATE.

HE WAS SILENT BEFORE HIS ACCUSERS

Isaiah 53:7

Matthew 27:12-14



7 SENTENCED TO DEATH BY PILATE.

HE WAS SPIT UPON

Isaiah 50:6

Matthew 27:30



8 CARRIED THE CROSS TO CALVARY.



9 JESUS IS HUNG ON THE CROSS.

9 a.m.

12 p.m.

3 p.m.

CRUCIFIED WITH CRIMINALS

Isaiah 53:12 → Mark 15:27-28 ✓

PARDONED THIEF ON THE CROSS — Luke 23:42-43

PRAYED FOR HIS PERSECUTORS

Isaiah 53:12 → Luke 23:34 ✓

SOLDIERS GAMBLLED FOR HIS CLOTHING

Psalm 22:18 → Matthew 27:35 ✓

SPOKE TO HIS MOTHER AND JOHN — John 19:26-27

They were also joined by: Mary Magdalene, Mary (mother of James and Joseph), and Mary (wife of Clopas, mother of the sons of Zebedee).

CRIED OUT FOR THIRST — John 19:28

GIVEN WINE VINEGAR TO DRINK

Psalm 69:21 → John 19:29-30 ✓

DARKNESS FELL OVER ALL THE LAND

Amos 8:9 → Matthew 27:45 ✓

Darkness had preceded judgment before—see 9th plague on page 15.

CRIED OUT, “MY GOD, MY GOD WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

Psalm 22:1 → Matthew 27:46 ✓

HE PRAYED, “INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT”

Psalm 31:5 → Luke 23:46 ✓

This was a common Jewish phrase recited before bedtime, almost as if saying, “I trust You will wake me up tomorrow.” It foreshadows Jesus’s resurrection.

CALLED OUT, “IT IS FINISHED” — John 19:29-30

HIS BONES WERE NOT BROKEN

Psalm 34:20 → John 19:33 ✓

HIS SIDE WAS PIERCED

Zechariah 12:10 → John 19:34-37 ✓

HIS LIFE IS POURED OUT

Psalm 22:14 → John 19:34 ✓

THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE — Matthew 27:51

GRAVES OPENED, AND PEOPLE WERE RAISED FROM THE DEAD — Matthew 27:52-53

A CENTURION FOUND FAITH — Luke 23:47

A centurion was the commander of 80 or 160 Roman soldiers.

THE TEMPLE VEIL WAS TORN — Matthew 27:51

The veil had separated the Most Holy Place from the rest of the temple. God’s presence was now accessible to all.

*Horses not to scale.

The massive veil was **4 INCHES THICK** and so strong a **PAIR OF HORSES*** couldn't tear it apart!

60'
30'



10 JESUS IS BURIED IN A TOMB.

BURIED IN A RICH MAN'S TOMB

Isaiah 53:9 → Matthew 27:57-60 ✓

Tomb (noun) : an enclosure for a corpse cut in the earth or in rock

JESUS'S 12 DISCIPLES

• ORDINARY MEN, EXTRAORDINARY CALLING •

disciple (*noun*) **1:** a student
2: a follower of Christ
3: one of Christ's 12 closest followers in the Gospels

OCCUPATION KEY

- Fisherman
- Tax Collector
- Unknown

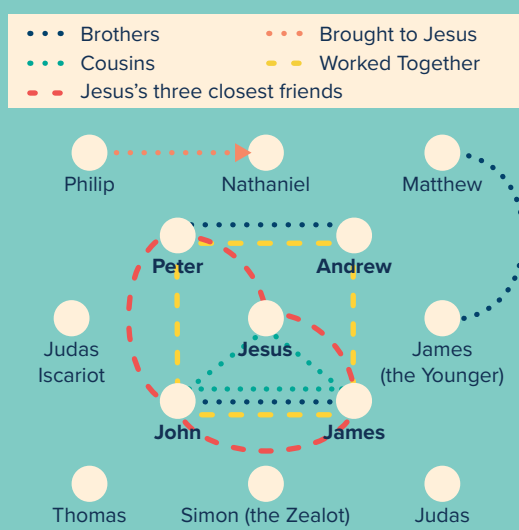
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| Simon (Peter) Leader of the 12 disciples | Andrew Originally a disciple of John the Baptist | James "James the Elder" | John "The beloved disciple" | Philip Led Nathaniel to Jesus | Nathaniel (Bartholomew) A descendant of David |
| Matthew (Levi) His Gospel appears first in our New Testament | James "James the Younger" | Judas Also called Jude, Thaddeus, or Lebbeus | Simon the Zealot Zealot (<i>noun</i>): extremist | Thomas Doubted Jesus's resurrection at first | Judas Iscariot Betrayed Jesus |
| | | | | Matthias Chosen to replace Judas | |

JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES

- He began His ministry around the age of 30, typical for rabbis (teachers) of that time.
- He didn't teach only in synagogues. He taught outdoors, on roads and seashores and mountaintops. His message was considered radical by most of the Jewish leaders of His time.
- His 12 disciples lived with Him, ate with Him, and went everywhere with Him. They could have been teenagers when Jesus called them—except for Peter, who was older.

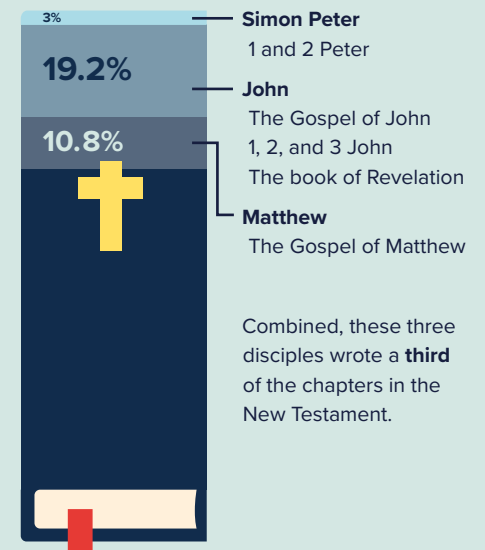


THE DISCIPLES' CONNECTIONS



AUTHORS INSPIRED BY JESUS

The New Testament has **9 authors**, including **3 of the 12 disciples**.



THE DISCIPLES WERE ALSO CALLED **APOSTLES**

apostle (*noun*) **1** : one sent on a mission, such as those sent out to preach the gospel
2 : one of Christ's 12 original disciples

THEY FOLLOWED HIS COMMAND TO SPREAD HIS
TEACHINGS FAR AND WIDE, FULFILLING WHAT IS KNOWN AS

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Go and make disciples of all nations.

Matthew 28:19

- Simon (Peter)
- Andrew
- James the Elder
- John
- Philip
- Nathaniel
- Matthew
- James the Younger
- Judas
- Simon
- Thomas
- Matthias

GOOD
NEWS!

HOW THEY DIED

10/12
MARTYRED

martyr (*noun*) :
a person who is
killed because of
his or her beliefs

John died of old age.

Judas, after betraying Jesus,
sadly chose to end his own life.