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The Twelve

James and John

Key Verses

“Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.” Matthew 4:21-22 (NIV)

“These are the twelve He chose: Simon (whom He named Peter), James and John (the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them ‘Sons of Thunder’)” Mark 3:16-17 (NLT)

“After six days Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain... There He was transfigured before them…” Matthew 17:1-2a (NIV)

“Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him. ‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘we want You to do for us whatever we ask.’ ‘What do you want Me to do for you?’ He asked. They replied, ‘Let one of us sit at Your right and the other at Your left in Your glory.’” Mark 10:35-37 (NIV)

“When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, ‘Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?’ But Jesus turned and rebuked them.” Luke 9:54-55 (NIV)

“When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, ‘Woman here is your son,’ and to the disciple, ‘here is your mother.’ From that time on, the disciple took her into His home.”   
John 19:26-27 (NIV)

“It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.” Acts 12:1-2 (NIV)

Lessons from the Life of John

1. Lean into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved (esteemed), was leaning against Jesus’ chest. “John 13:23 (AMP)

1. Develop a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2:17 (NIV)

1. Lead with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God... Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” 1 John 4:7a-8 (NIV)

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 NIV)

The Last Supper’s Instructions

“And He [Jesus] took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.’” Luke 22:19-20 (NIV)

“Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.” 1 Corinthians 11:28 (NIV)