



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - March 4, 2012

Sermon

The Apostles:

"Thaddeus"

Matthew 10:3 & John 14:18-27

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 3/5/12

Matthew 10:3

In Matthew's list of Jesus' disciples, we are introduced to Thaddeus. We only read his name here; nothing else is mentioned at all about him. Was he a quiet disciple? Why isn't he more well-known? Thaddeus is probably an Aramaic name that means "warmth of personality," or "endearment and intimacy." Interestingly, some people who have these gifts and traits are often quiet, unassuming persons. Some people make huge impressions just by being the person God created them to be!

Tuesday 3/6/12

John 14:18-27

Many scholars believe that the disciple who speaks to Jesus in this scripture passage - Judas (not Iscariot), is indeed the one and same Thaddeus. He asks Jesus a question and Jesus answers it! If you were able to right now, what question would you ask Jesus? What would you ask him? Why this question? How do you think Jesus would respond to you?

Wednesday 3/7/12

Matthew 10:3 (King James Version)

The King James Version of this verse reads, "and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddeus." Not every translation of the Bible has this other name. Most of us go by at least two names, our first name and sometimes our last name. Sometimes a person goes by their middle name, too. Names are important, both to us to God. What is your preferred name? Why do you prefer to be called by this name?



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

What did I learn about Thaddeus today?

In what ways am I like Thaddeus?

How can I better live as a disciple of Jesus this week?

Thursday 3/8/12
Luke 10:1-16

Eusebius, a Roman historian, mentions Thaddeus as one of the seventy Jesus sent out in this story which appears in Luke 10. Jesus sent them out ahead of him in pairs. They went to every town and place where Jesus intended to go. They were called by him to be laborers in the harvest. What are we called to do as Christians today? Aren't we called to share the gospel message of Jesus with others? Can you find a way to share something about your faith with someone this week?

Friday 3/9/12
Luke 10:17-24

When the seventy returned back to Jesus, they shared what they witnessed; how they saw the authority they had over demons. They saw the impact their authority had in Jesus' name! Jesus was very glad to hear this and he gave them a blessing in verses 23 & 24. Jesus always blesses those who trust and obey him. Are you willing to trust and obey Jesus today?

Saturday 3/10/12
Mark 3:18

This verse reflects Mark's list of Jesus' disciples. Thaddeus is again only mentioned by name. There is no other information given about him by Mark. This is not so surprising coming from the gospel of Mark because Mark is often quick and to the point in his story of Jesus. Maybe Thaddeus didn't feel he had to make a name for himself. He listened to and trusted in Jesus. Jesus' name was the important name for Thaddeus, even more so than his own name. What about you? Are you trying to make a name for yourself? Or are you content in trusting that knowing the name of Jesus is enough? Jesus' name as the authority over all things. Trust in his name and draw on this strength for your own life!