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## Synopsis of the Apostles

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1. The four lists of Apostles (Mt 10:2–4; Mk 3:16–19; Lk 6:14–16; Acts 1:13), each give the names in a different order. However, each list can be divided into three sections which always begin with Peter, Philip and James.
2. It is likely that James and John, the sons of Zebedee were cousins of Jesus. McGarvey (p. 225) substantiates this idea.
3. There are several men with more than one name: Simon is also called Peter; Judas is also called Lebbaeus and Thaddaeus; Bartholomew is most likely the Nathanael of John 1; and Thomas (Aramaic) is called Didymus (Greek), both names meaning “Twin.”
4. The latter James, Simon and Judas appear to be brothers and perhaps also cousins of Jesus through Joseph’s brother (cf. Edersheim I:522).
5. Judas Iscariot was apparently the only Apostle not from Galilee. His town, Kerioth, was in Judea (Joshua 15:25).
6. The idea of Apostolic succession has never been substantiated (see McGarvey, p. 223 for details).
7. Jesus himself was an “Apostle” (Hebrews 3:1).

Matt 10:2–4	Mark 3:16–19	Luke 6:14–16	Acts 1:13
Simon (Peter)	Simon (Peter)	Simon (Peter)	Peter
Andrew (his brother)	James son of Zebedee	Andrew (his brother)	John
James son of Zebedee	John (Boanerges)	James	James
John (his brother)	Andrew	John	Andrew
Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
Thomas	Matthew	Matthew	Bartholomew
Matthew (tax collector)	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
James son of Alphaeus	James son of Alphaeus	James son of Alphaeus	James son of Alphaeus
Thaddaeus	Thaddaeus	Simon the Zealot	Simon the Zealot
Simon the Zealot	Simon the Zealot	Judas son of James	Judas son of James
Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	