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offers Fast Bible Facts about the
APOSTLE SIMON THE
ZEALOT



Simon the Zealot was one of the original [Twelve Apostles](#) (1) of [Jesus Christ](#) (2). He was also referred to in most [New Testament](#) (3) translations as Simon the Cananaean or Simon the Cananite.

The synoptic Gospels of [Matthew](#) (4) ([Matthew 10:1-4](#)), [Mark](#) (5) ([Mark 3:13-19](#)) and [Luke](#) (6) ([Luke 6:12-16](#)) record Simon the Zealot as one of the Twelve being named/commissioned/sent out.

There is much debate regarding the origin of Simon's designation as a "Zealot." Some believe it is due to his involvement in a revolutionary group of the times ([Acts 5:37](#)). Others have written that Simon possessed a heightened fervor and enthusiasm for [God the Father](#) (7), akin to Biblical Titans such as the [Apostle Peter](#) (8) ([1 Peter 3:13](#)) and the [Apostle Paul](#) (9) ([Acts 22:3](#), [Galatians 1:14](#)).

[Acts 1:12-26](#) records Simon the Zealot and the other Apostles returning to Jerusalem after witnessing the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. By the power of the [Holy Spirit](#) (10), they selected Matthias to replace [Judas Iscariot](#) (11).

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FOOTNOTES

- (1) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/twelve-apostles>
- (2) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>
- (3) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/new-testament>
- (4) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/matthew>
- (5) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/mark>
- (6) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/luke>
- (7) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/god-of-the-bible>
- (8) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/apostle-peter>
- (9) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/ambassador-in-chains>
- (10) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-holy-spirit>
- (11) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/apostle-judas-iscariot>

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