

Jesus prays and asks God if there is another way to save the people of the world. The Devil meets Jesus in the garden and tries to convince Him that Gods plan will fail. The time of prayer is agonizingly difficult as Jessuss inward conflict builds with each deceptive word from Satan. After hours of prayer, the Lord of Heaven and Earth tells Jesus to continue with the plan of salvation, and He obeys. When Jesus is done praying, He is arrested by temple guards, tied, and taken before the religious leaders. The demons try to make chaos and deceive the people. The angels fight them to keep the disciples safe. Jesus has angered the Jewish leaders in the past and has claimed He is the Son of God, a crime punishable by death. After an illegal trial, Jesus is taken before the Roman governor of Jerusalem, Pontius Pilate, the only authority who can sentence someone to death. The governor does not find Jesus guilty. After questioning Him for a time, he sends the Prisoner to Herod Antipas, the governor of where Jesus was born; a mob follows their every move. Upon seeing Jesus, Herod demands Him to perform a miracle, but when Jesus does not obey, He is sent back to Pilate. The Roman does not want to kill the innocent Man. Therefore, he allows the Jews to pick between two prisoners, Jesus and a murderous revolutionary, to be set free, as he does once every year to be in favor with the people. The Jews choose the revolutionary and demand Jessuss death. Satan whispers in Pilates ear to have Jesus flogged to satisfy the crowd and the Roman, still unwilling to kill Jesus and believing the Devils advice is the solution, orders for the beating to commence. As Jessuss body is brutally slashed open with whips, the angels face the demons wanting to torment Christs spirit alongside the floggers. Christ is then presented to the Jews once more, but the cry for His death is louder still. Pilate, not wanting the people to become a riot, surrenders and orders Jesus to be put to death. The Son of God is followed by a mob to Golgotha and nailed to a cross. Before He dies, all the sins of mankind come onto Jesus, and for the first time, Christ feels separated from God. When Jesus dies, the Devil smiles, but the sins are extinguished because of Jessuss sacrifice. Three days after Jesus is killed, the Holy Spirit brings Him back to life, obtaining victory for the angels and destruction for the demons. Jesus appears before His followers a number of times and forty days after His death ascends into Heaven along with Iceil, Ameron, and a few other angels. Jesus sits down at the right hand of God, humanity is saved, and the demonic forces lose yet again another epic battle.

The Training of the Twelve tells us in detail how Jesus chose and trained the twelve apostles, imbuing each with the knowledge and instruction that would become the founding wisdom of Christianity. We find in this book a detailed and intensive Biblical biography, with chapters dedicated to each of the twelve. The methods which Jesus Christ uses in selecting his disciples is examined, as we witness the various episodes in his existence. Bruce's narrative is chronological, and it is useful for the reader to have a Bible to hand to better understand and comprehend the lessons present in the text. A. B. Bruce also includes valuable and soundly reasoned passages on the identity of the three unnamed apostles. The author skillfully identifies and explains the different traits and circumstances of the various Apostles, and the values of humanity which they contributed to Jesus' mission as the Son of God. The redemption and confession of Peter, the duplicitous nature of Judas, and the eternal greatness of the Holy Spirit are all discussed. While A. B. Bruce is a scholar, he also imparts his own salient and wise thoughts, commonly when summarizing an apostle and their deeds. Alexander Balmain Bruce worked for decades in the Free Church of Scotland, variously preaching and studying the ancient lore of the Bible. His commentaries were popular during his lifetime, with translations made to other languages - notably, he was among the few Scottish Biblical theologians to gain the approval and respect of the German scholarly establishment.

Reproduction of the original: The Gallery of the Life of Jesus Christ by Richard Newton

Simon Peter, Andrew, James the son of Zebedee, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Jude, Simon, Judas, and Matthias—what happened to the men who answered Jesus' call to follow him? What impact did they have on the world? Where did they go and what did they do after Jesus' resurrection and ascension? In these fascinating profiles, Dr. McBirnie offers readers a snapshot of the lives of each apostle. His information was compiled by traveling to places where the apostles lived and visited, by studying the Scriptures and biblical history, by listening to local traditions, and by engaging in his own original research. Picking up where the book of Acts leaves off, McBirnie brings these men to life as he explores the legends, traditions, and real lives of the Twelve as they built the foundation of Christianity.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ takes a long time. Heck it took those 12 men 3 years of spending everyday with Jesus in His physical presence to be well equipped! Today, we can be in Jesus' presence every day, like the disciples were, through prayer and reading the Bible. It is our prayer that this topical Bible study workbook (aimed at you men out there) will be another way for you to be shaped into a follower (disciple) of Jesus Christ. However, like Jesus' twelve disciples we have to be willing to follow the Master. Are you willing? May God complete the work He began in you! Thomas Gordon Cloud, Jr. (Tommy) is married to Alix and they have 4 children and live in Marietta, Georgia. Thomas struggles with many temptations of his flesh on a daily basis, although he has learned that through Christ he is more than a conqueror. Tommy is thankful for his parents and grandparents that, through word and deed, deliberately left a Christian heritage to him. Tommy's mission in life is "To know, follow, and love Jesus, and encourage others to do the same. And to love his wife as Christ loves the church." Robert Inman Ragsdale III (Trey) is an Atlanta native who attempts to be a servant-follower every day. Trey has been involved for over a decade in improving the world around him at the local, state, national and international levels as a business and community servant, entrepreneur, author & speaker and mentor. Trey feels he is truly blessed to have such a loving and supporting cast of family and friends and a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. He is most proud to be the husband of his wife Erin and the future father of twins (Inman & Madeline) in 2009.

If you are desperate to know God better, this book is for you. If you want to be taught by gentle yet firm veterans, just like Jesus taught his twelve disciples, this book is for you. If you want to produce disciples who can overcome persecution,

this book is for you. Observing our mature, Christlike friends change their home lives and workplaces into peaceful, excellent production centers, brings us joy. Watching them continue to "maximize others around them" brings us great joy.

This book will give the reader a better understanding and appreciation for the twelve apostles. It is biblically based and includes many scriptural references. We learn from this study that God uses ordinary, average men to accomplish great things for Him. These disciples had their faults and failures, their strengths and weaknesses, their victories and defeats just like we do. They were special men chosen by our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RABBI JESUS of Nazareth chose twelve men to form his own itinerant minyan to travel with him wherever he went throughout his earthly ministry. A minyan is the number of adult Jews required to form a synagogue or to conduct Hebrew worship as a congregation. Today the quorum is ten. Originally the number was twelve the same number of the original twelve tribes of Israel. This book provides new materials based upon historical research/analysis and an examination of the sociological, interpersonal, and group dynamics of this amazing group of Jesus's apostles. The Appendices include a unique Minyan Sociogram, maps, and a new Readers Guide that offers additional resources for the reader. A Leaders Manual with a DVD is also available for leaders of youth and adult Bible Study groups and church Sunday School classes. Dr. C. David Jones has given us a marvelous and expansive piece of Research work and writing in this book in which he tells the fascinating story of the original twelve men and then the thirteen men who joined them to form a very special minyan: their lives changed the world! from the Introduction to the book by Dr. Maxie D. Dunnam, past President and current Provost of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky. Cover illustration by Tim Baron

This study describes the lives of the twelve disciples called by Jesus Christ for training, repentance, and transformation into effective and spirit-filled apostles. They were charged with establishing the Church of Jesus Christ in the hostile world of Jewish, Greek, Roman, and many other groups of intense unbelievers. They were laymen, untrained in deep Jewish doctrine but practiced as businessmen and filled with zeal for the Jewish Messiah to return. They wanted to be a part of his new kingdom and expected major roles in ruling Israel. They became the first of many converts to see that the Jews had missed the heart of God's message and the new message was that they would die to their own minds, wills, and emotional structures and replace it with the will of their Father through the Holy Spirit. Jesus taught them for more than ten thousand hours of practical ministry, teaching, and supernatural endowment during their time together. This is considerably more hours than it takes to achieve a doctorate in theology today. In this time, they were still incapable of standing up to the Jewish authorities, until endued with power from on high at Pentecost. These secrets, which the apostles found in their ministries, will help the disciple who is serious about transforming his or her life and knowledge of the Gospel into effective ministry.

This is the greatest story ever written by a grandpa to his 2 grandsons about how Jesus Christ lived and died so that we all could be saved. The story is told from a grandpa's insight to answer questions from his grandson on the life of Jesus Christ. This story will allow everyone to read how Jesus Christ lived and died so that we all could be saved. There is no better time to allow every mind to be uplifted and filled with positive information. This is a perfect book to help teach everyone some excellent information about the greatness of Jesus Christ.

Excerpt from The Life of Jesus Christ for the Young, Vol. 3 We have an account of this lesson in St. John 13: 4 - 15. It is taught us in these words He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash his disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then occurs the incident about the objection which Peter made to letting Jesus wash his feet, and the way in which that objection was overcome. And then the story goes on thus So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, 'know ye what I have done unto you? Ye call me Master, and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought also to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do, as I have done to you. This was a very surprising scene. How astonished the angels must have been when they looked upon it! They had known Jesus in heaven, before he took upon him our nature, and came into this fallen world. They had seen him in the glory which he had with the Father, before the world was. They had worshipped him in the midst of all that glory. And then, when they saw him, girded with a towel, and washing the feet of poor sinful men, whom he came from heaven to save, how surprising it must have seemed to them! And When Jesus told his disciples, that his object in doing this was to set them an example, that they should do as he had done to them, he did not mean that they should literally make a practice of washing each other's feet; but that they should show the same humility to others that he had shown to them, by being willing to do anything, however humble it might be, in order to promote their comfort and happiness. It is not the act itself, here spoken of, that Jesus teaches us to do; but the spirit of humility, in which the act was performed, that he teaches us to cultivate. We might go through the form of washing the feet of other persons, and yet feel proud and haughty all the time we were doing it. Then we should not be following the example of Jesus at all. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

We know that the goal of the Christian life is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever. While this is God's ultimate plan, does he have a particular purpose for the cell-based church? I've been wrestling with this question for the past twenty-two years. This question confronts me every time I coach a pastor or pastors. In preparation for coaching, I ask myself, "What is my principal objective in helping this pastor?" "Where am I guiding this church?" "What am I trying to do?" I've come to the conclusion that the primary goal of cell ministry is to make disciples who make disciples. Christ's last command to his disciples was for them to repeat the process and to reproduce new disciples. But how were they supposed to do that? This book answers these questions. The early church followed Christ's pattern by making disciples through the house churches that periodically celebrated together in public worship. In 2 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul tells Timothy to continue the discipleship process by passing on the pure gospel message to faithful men and women. Even though the term "disciple" is later replaced by words such as "brothers," "sisters," "Christians," and "saints," the concept remains the same. We in North America and the Western world often project our own cultural bias into Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Most discipleship books, in fact, assume that discipleship is an individualistic endeavor--between me and God. And yes, there is an important individual aspect (e.g., personal devotions, etc.). Yet in Matthew 28, Jesus was talking to a group of disciples. He wanted them to follow his example by making disciples in a group. Jesus molded twelve disciples in a group and then sent them house to house. So how does the cell church make disciples? In this book, I show how the cell (small group) works together with the cell system to make disciples who make disciples. In the cell, a potential disciple is transformed through community, priesthood of all believers, group evangelism, and team multiplication. In the cell, potential disciples are formed through learning how to love one another, exercising their gifts, evangelizing together as a group, and then sent forth as teams to start new groups. Discipleship is a group process in the New Testament, and God is calling his church to re-emphasize this truth. The cell system ensures each leader has a coach and that training (equipping track) happens. Then the cells gather together to worship and grow through the teaching of God's Word. All three aspects are essential to form disciples. Training is needed because disciples won't learn all they need to know in the cell. Coaching ensures that each leader is cared for and receives shepherding. The celebration service brings the cells together

to hear God's Word, worship, and receive fresh vision. The goal of the two-wing cell church is to make disciples who make disciples. The cell church today makes disciples by following the early church pattern of cell and celebration. Recommendations: I've read all of Joel Comiskey's books, but Making Disciples in the Twenty-First Century Church is his best work yet. In this book Joel reminds us that the real call and challenge of the Church is not developing leaders or numerical growth, but "making disciples who make disciples." He also helps us understand why that is best done in a cell or small group context, and gives us great insight about how to make that happen. I'm looking forward to having all of our Pastors, Coaches, and Cell Leaders and Members read this book in the near future. Dennis Watson Lead Pastor, Celebration Church of New Orleans ____ I am so excited about Joel Comiskey's new book, Making Disciples in the Twenty-First Century Church. When I'm asked what makes a cell church thrive, I always say, "discipleship." Thank you, Joel, for unpacking discipleship; not just as an endeavor for individuals, but as the critical element for creating a church community and culture that reproduces the Kingdom of God all over the earth. I pray this book won't only be read, but lived out as we were made to make disciples. Jimmy Seibert Senior Pastor, Antioch Community Church President and Founder, Antioch Ministries International ____ I really like that Joel asked the Why question before the How question. He even takes on the What question which is just as important. The interest in discipleship is greater now than anytime in the last fifty years. I fear however that we are using the same words but are not speaking the same language. I recommend this work, I cheer Joel on, he joins many of us who are masters of the obvious. It seems so obvious that our purpose is to be disciples and make disciples. I cheer him on because he goes beyond the What and Why and does address the How. This will help any person who reads it and I pray that there will be many. Bill Hull, Author of Jesus Christ Disciple Maker, Disciple Making Pastor, Disciple Making Church, and The Complete Book of Discipleship, Adjunct Faculty at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University __ The history of the cell church movement in Brazil has many names of great man of God. Joel Comiskey certainly is one of them. We see how over the years his understanding of the New Testament Church has deepened. Again Joel surprises us with this jewel. He covers many aspects of cell church life, showing us how discipleship relates to the broader scope of it, and how to shape followers of Jesus. He takes us to the heart of the matter of the cell church as he states it: "The purpose of cell ministry is making disciples who make disciples." Excellent book. The movement in Brazil, certainly, will be blessed through this book. Enjoy it. Robert Michael Lay Cell Church Ministry in Brazil Pioneer in the cell movement in Brazil, and publisher of Joel's books __ In his tremendously helpful new book, Making Disciples in the Twenty-First Century Church, Joel Comiskey cuts directly to the core purpose of cell ministry, which is "making disciples who make disciples." Then he tells us how to do it through the Cell-Based Church. Like Joel's other books Making Disciples in the Twenty-First Century Church is solidly biblical, highly practical, wonderfully accessible and is grounded in Joel's vast research and experience. Great job Joel! Dave Earley, Lead Pastor, Grace City Church of Las Vegas, Nevada Author, Eight Habits of Highly Effective Small Group Leaders Adjunct Professor, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary __ For more than twenty years Joel Comiskey has served the cell church movement. He has helped scores of congregations move from being traditional churches to communities where edification and harvest occurs. Twenty years! Now he combines two decades of observation as his capacity as a researcher. He has scoured many books to assemble wise counsel for us. His discussion of how community varies from culture to culture is indeed penetrating. As I read through the pages I mentally noted specific Christian workers who need to read these pages. Thanks, Joel, for the way you allow the King to speak through you to enlarge His Kingdom on earth! Ralph Neighbour, Jr, key pioneer of the cell church movement. ____ "Joel Comiskey continues to deepen our understanding of the cell-based church. In Making Disciples we are equipped to carry out the Great Commission at maximum capacity. Get ready to have your vision for ministry strengthened and expanded!" Andrew S. Mason, Small Groups Pastor Thrive Church, Elk Grove, CA Founder, SmallGroupChurches.com ____ As one of the world's leading experts on cell-based churches, Joel Comiskey is well placed to show how New Testament-style disciple making works. His decades of experience in fields of ministry all over the world confirm that every-member ministry and personal investment in disciples are God's pathway to true maturity and expansion of the kingdom of God. This well-written book deserves attention from every serious Christian! Dennis McCallum, Author, Organic Discipleship

JESUS THE CHRIST BY JAMES E. TALMAGE Key features of this book: - Includes an autobiographical sketch of the author - Unabridged with 100% of it's original content - Available in multiple formats: eBook, original paperback and large print paperback - Proper paragraph formatting with Indented first lines, 1.25 Line Spacing and Justified Paragraphs - Properly formatted for aesthetics and ease of reading. - Custom Table of Contents and Design elements for each chapter - The Copyright page has been placed at the end of the book, as to not impede the content and flow of the book. Original publication: 1915 Written under request from the First Presidency, and later approved by the Prophet, First Presidency and Council of the Twelve Apostles, Jesus the Christ is perhaps one of the most accurate and comprehensive books written on the Savior's life, ministry, teachings and atonement. Uniquely written inside the Salt Lake City temple, Jesus the Christ takes an ahead-of-its-time approach to the life of the Savior by including the antemortal existence and activities of the world's Redeemer, the revelations and personal manifestations of the glorified and exalted Son of God during the apostolic period of old and in modern times, the assured nearness of the Lord's second advent, and predicted events beyond. The author describes this book as "a powerful and well directed beam, [which] illumines many dark passages of ancient construction." As an inspired writing, the author acknowledges the constant companionship of the "spirit of sacredness" throughout his labor of love in writing this book. Like the prophets of ancient and modern days, Elder Talmage reverently evokes the spirit of sacredness to be with all the readers of this volume. Elder Talmage died in 1933, thus making this writing a "Voice from the Dust." In recognition of 100 years since its original publication, Latter-day Strengths is well-pleased to present this edition of Jesus the Christ. This book makes a wonderful addition to any Latter-day Saint library At Latter-day Strengths we have taken the time and care into formatting this book to make it the best possible reading experience. We specialize in publishing classic books for Latter-day Saints and have been publishing books since 2014. We now have over 500 book listings available for purchase. Enjoy! In Christian tradition, the apostles (Greek: ??????????, transl.: apostolos; lit. "one who is sent on a mission"), sometimes referred to as the Twelve Apostles, were a small group of twelve people reported to be the disciples of Jesus, the central figure of Christianity.[1] They are Jewish messengers sent by Jesus to preach the gospel, initially only to Jews and then also to Gentiles, throughout the ancient world. During Jesus' life and ministry in the 1st century, the apostles were his closest followers and became the main preachers of his gospel message. Apostle means "sent". The apostles were 12 people who accompanied Jesus and had intimacy with Him. Jesus gave special training to the apostles, to proclaim the gospel and to found His Church. The 12 apostles were Simon (Peter), Andrew, James (son of Zebedee), John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus (Judas), Simon (the Zealot), and Judas Iscariot (Matthew 10:2-4; Luke 6:13-16). They accompanied Jesus during His ministry and were called to proclaim the gospel to the world. After Pentecost, they became the leaders of the early church, teaching what they had learned from Jesus and creating a solid foundation for the growth of the church. They traveled to other lands and founded churches in many places through their testimonies about Jesus and miracles. Much of the information in the Gospels was probably provided by the apostles.

Most kids think of popes as old men who live quiet lives in the Vatican. In fact, danger surrounds every pope. From John Paul II (who was shot) all the way back to the first pope, the men God places in charge of His Church have been hated and attacked for their goodness and for the good the Church does. The Man Who Never Died recounts the adventures of the apostle Peter, the first pope, and explains how Peter, in giving his name and responsibilities to all the popes who follow him, became the man who never died: fulfilling the promise that Jesus made to him: "Thou art Peter, and upon this

rock I will build my Church," the Church that remains standing today, and will last until the end of time.

Christians never cease to wonder about the 12 disciples Jesus chose. Did they pass qualifying examinations? Why did Jesus choose these 12? How do we understand their combination of courageous faith and human weakness? Now you can follow each disciple, from the call, "Follow me," through their personal experiences recorded in the New Testament. You will gain new, fresh appreciation for colorful Peter, the quiet but influential John, Thomas the pessimist, the enigmatic Judas, and the others. Dr. Huxhold interprets every biblical clue, portrays each personality, and describes the unique role of each disciple in sharing the good news of Jesus. Discover new strength and courage for following Jesus in our day! - Back cover.

Profiles the disciples as ordinary men with relatable human failings, drawing on the teachings of Jesus to explain how modern Christians can transform their weaknesses into strengths.

In a time of so much uncertainty and chaos, it is increasingly difficult to feel that anything in the world is stable and reliable. However, there is one thing that can always be depended on and that is your relationship with God in Christ. In *Walking With the Twelve*, author Brad Fulton offers a brilliant and insightful look into the lives of the twelve men who had the closest relationship with Jesus Christ imaginable -- His twelve disciples. Like you, they were ordinary men who were chosen by Jesus to walk by His side to witness firsthand the power and the healing gifts of His ministry every day. As they journeyed with Christ and observed His interaction with believers and non-believers alike, their relationship with Him was strengthened and empowered. Though our society has changed, our strength and power also result from our journey with Jesus today. Using the teachings that the disciples learned during their time with Christ, *Walking With the Twelve* shows us that we too can grow and prosper from the love that God offers if we are ready to follow Him with open arms and hearts. So wait no longer, walk with the twelve, and let your faith in God be the key that opens the door to His constant and committed presence in your life -- starting today.

Based on Pope Benedict XVI's weekly teaching on the relationship between Christ and the Church, this book tells the drama of Jesus' first disciples - his Apostles and their associates - and how they spread Jesus' message throughout the ancient world. Far from distorting the truth about Jesus of Nazareth, insists Pope Benedict, the early disciples remained faithful to it, even at the cost of their lives. Beginning with the Twelve as the foundation of Jesus' re-establishment of the Holy People of God, Pope Benedict examines the story of the early followers of Christ. He draws on Scripture and early tradition to consider such important figures as Peter, Andrew, James and John, and even Judas Iscariot. Benedict moves beyond the original Twelve to discuss Paul of Tarsus, the persecutor of Christianity who became one of Jesus' greatest disciples. Also considered are Stephen, the first Christian martyr, Barnabas, Timothy, Titus, the wife and husband "team" of Priscilla and Aquila, and such key women figures as Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and Phoebe. Jesus, the Apostles and the Early Church is a fascinating journey back to the origins of Christianity. It reveals how Jesus' earliest disciples faithfully conveyed the truth about the "Jesus of history" and how they laid the foundations for the Church, through whom people today can know the same Jesus.

An apostle of Christ is also one who is called, commissioned, and sent to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Christ. John 15:16 has Jesus saying to his disciples; "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth good fruit." Jesus chose twelve apostles that walked with him during three years of ministry here on earth. He commissioned them, ordained them, taught them, and empowered them. These twelve were to be the foundation of the Church we see today. Jesus, who is the chief cornerstone, along with the foundation of the apostles and prophets who make up the spiritual house (Church) today. (Ephesians 2:20) Even today, the Lord Jesus is calling and choosing many to build his Church.

Thomas doubted. Peter denied. Matthew had a shady past. And most of Jesus' disciples had trouble understanding his true message and mission at times. How did Jesus take lowly fishermen and tax collectors and turn them into some of the most influential men that ever lived? And how can modern church leaders empower regular church members to meet their potential as servants of God? In *Jesus Christ, Disciplemaker*, Hull outlines Christ's methods in training his twelve disciples and presents a biblical pattern that emulates Christ's model for reaching the lost. By taking readers through four growth phases-evangelizing, establishing, equipping, and leading-Hull shows how these principles can be adapted for any discipler. *Jesus Christ, Disciplemaker* is the perfect resource for pastors and church leaders who want to learn how to help others grow in God's service.

Saint Peter, also known as Simon Peter, Simeon, Simon, Cephas, or Peter the Apostle. He was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, and one of the first leaders of the early Church. According to Christian tradition, Peter was crucified in Rome under Emperor Nero. When Peter writes about the soul's salvation, his thought is not limited to life in heaven but is very much concerned with life on earth. For Peter, it is the goal of our faith.

Many Christians are unable to give the names, or many details, of Jesus' twelve disciples and yet we can learn many lessons from their lives. Each of them had his own personality but Jesus was able to change and use them in the service of the Kingdom of God. They had faults like we do. They were a mixed bunch of people, each with their own gifts and struggles. God calls all sorts of people, and we cannot forget that Jesus was selecting men for a leadership role in the early church. We can use the example of the apostles to inspire and teach us. This is a tremendously useful book that will have a place on many a minister's bookshelf. From Andrew through to Judas, Ian Fleck's survey is detailed but accessible and never dry. This is a timely book, coming at a time when many in the church are speaking of the need for discipleship, yet, all too often, little or nothing is ever said of the first disciples. This book opens up their lives to us. Rev. Dr. Paul Bailie Chief Executive, Mission Africa (Working in Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Chad and Kenya) Inspired by material concerning the Twelve disciples which he has assembled from the Four Gospels, and in interaction with other Scripture texts and some ancient traditions, Ian Fleck in this series of meditations has succeeded in deriving, from the lives of Jesus' chosen followers, challenging, inspirational and practical lessons for readers to apply in discipleship of Christ today. Rev Dr. Gordon Campbell Professor of New Testament, Union Theological College, Belfast HALLELUJAH – HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN. BOOK 5 in the FAITH CHRONICLES SERIES THE NEW TESTAMENT "And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. They entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. It came to pass, as they were

