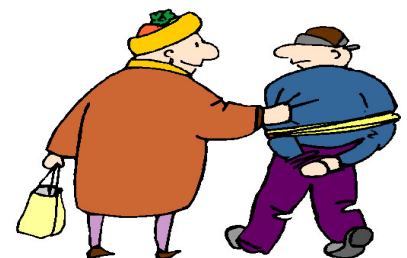


# JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

1. The Word *disciple* means a follower, learner or pupil.
2. In the gospels it refers to the group of men and women who followed Jesus.
3. More particularly it refers to the twelve special followers who later took the message of Christianity out to the world as *Apostles* (Messengers). Their names are listed in Mark 3:13-19.
4. St Mark also tells us that there were three or four special disciples who Jesus asked to be his followers much earlier on in his ministry. They are listed in Mark 1:16-20. St Luke tells a different version of their call in Luke 5:1-11.
5. This inner circle of disciples may be seen working with Jesus apart from the others in Mark 5:37. Mark 9:2, Mark 13:3 and Mark 14:33.
6. Jesus sent the twelve out to do the sort of work he was doing Luke 9:1-10. Notice what they were allowed to take with them and what was forbidden. Jesus also told them how they had to live and behave Luke 9:4-6.
7. Usually Jesus stuck up for his disciples when there was a dispute with the Pharisees eg Mark 2:23-28. At other times though he criticized them if they failed to live up to his expectations of them. Mark 4:40. Mark 8:21. Mark 9:19.
8. It is worth noting that when Jesus was arrested the disciples' immediate reaction was to run away. Judas had betrayed Jesus Mark 14:43-50 and Simon Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times, just after Jesus was captured. Mark 14:66-72.



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