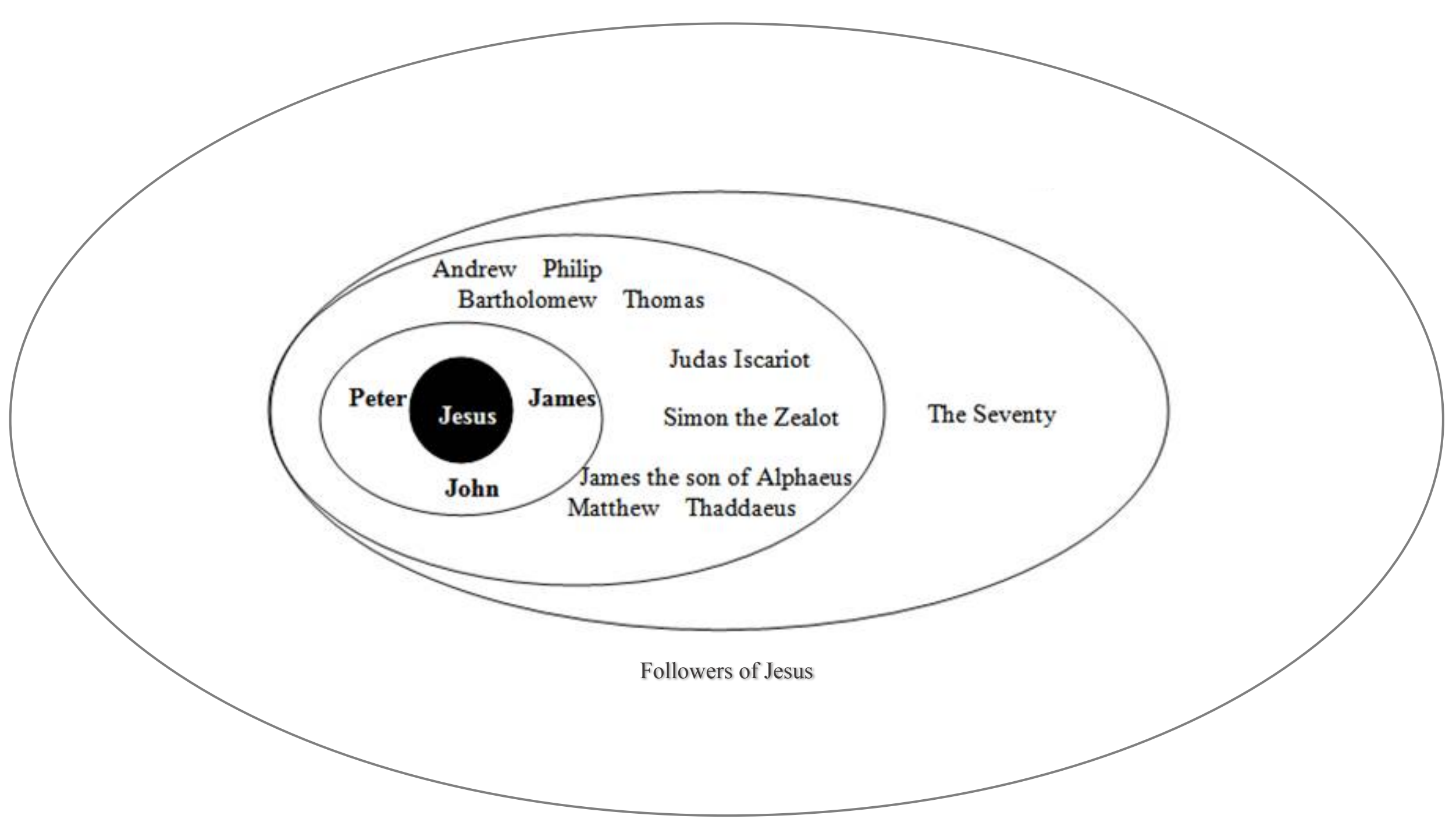
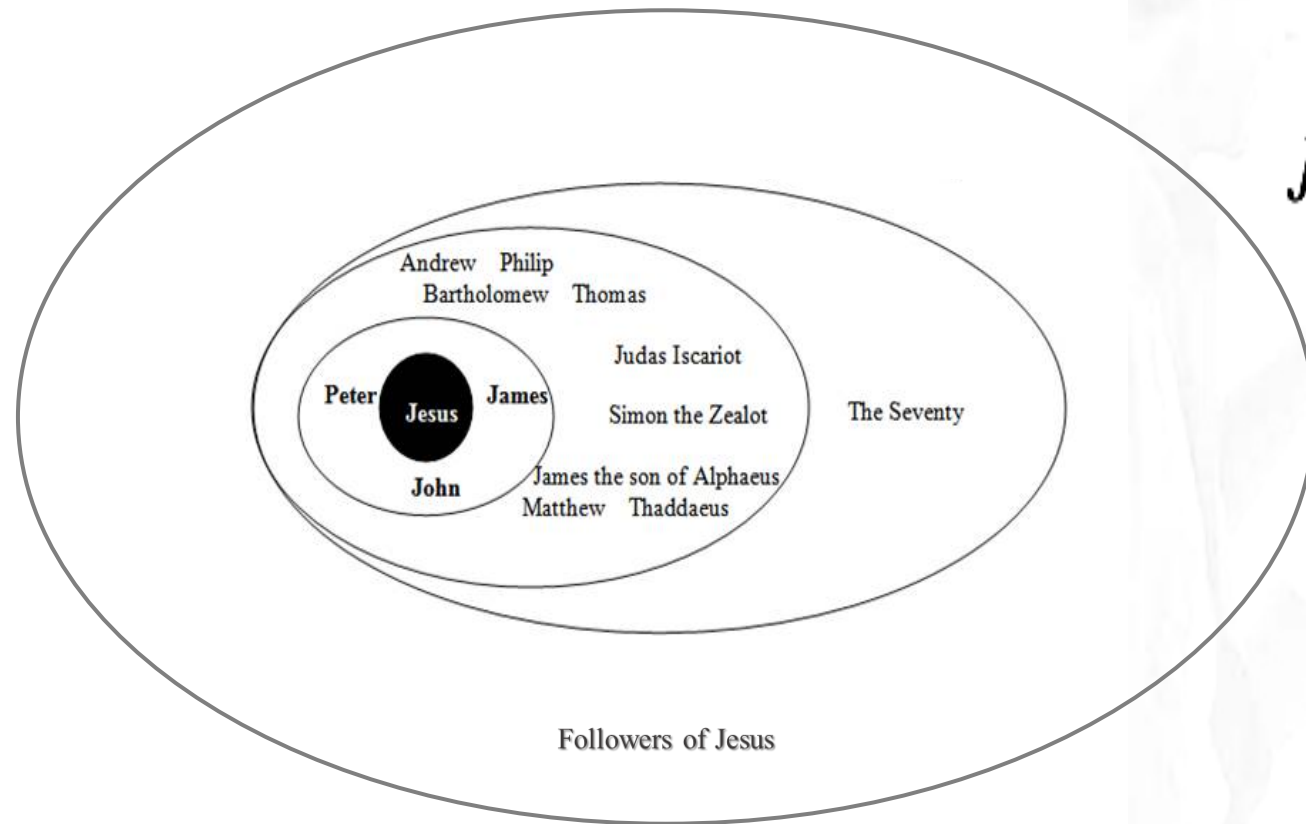


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Mark 3:13-14 (NIV)



Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach

If we were tasked with finding twelve individuals to undertake the tremendous responsibilities and world changing mission Jesus had in mind, it is unlikely we would have chosen any of the apostles described in the New Testament. They were common, working class men with no political influence, special status or unique talent. Seven of the twelve were likely fishermen. Not a single one possessed the kind of impressive resume we would look for today when putting together a task force or working group to address an important societal issue or problem. In addition to unimpressive resumes they are fraught with human weakness. With only approximately eighteen months to train them before His death and resurrection time is short, the stakes are high and the task seems impossible. How will Jesus mold these twelve men into the world changers they eventually become? As revealed in scripture, at times it was not an easy task.

“Twelve Ordinary Men” by John Macarthur

Two Questions

- 1. Do you want to be transformed, in such a way that you can be transformational to the world you live in?
- 2. Do you like change?



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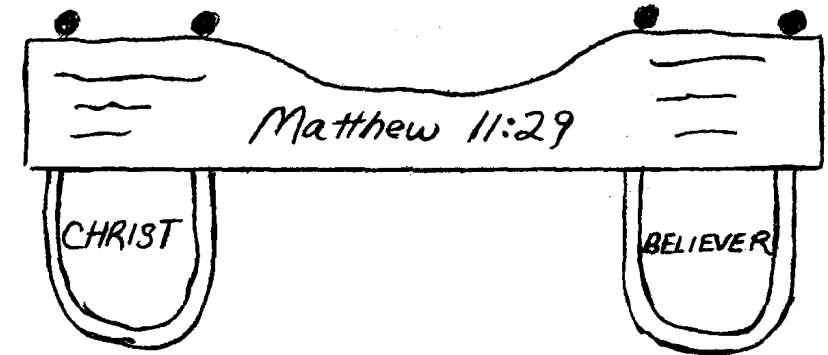
"We're hoping you'll lead us on a journey of transformation without requiring any real changes."

27 “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 **Take my yoke upon you and learn from me**, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the
Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image
with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the
metamorphosis
Lord, who is the Spirit.



2 Corinthians 3:18

God has given us the Disciplines of the spiritual life as a means of receiving his grace. The Disciplines allow us to place ourselves before God so that he can transform us.

Richard J. Foster

“Transformation is possible,
but not inevitable.

Christlikeness
is possible
for you,
just not yet.”

John Mark Comer



Every part of Scripture is

God-breathed

and useful one way or another—

**showing us TRUTH,
exposing our rebellion,
correcting our mistakes,
training us to live God's way.**

Through the Word

we are put together

and shaped up

for the tasks God has for us.

2 Timothy 3: 16–17
THE MESSAGE

The Bible is
meant to be
bread
for daily use,
not cake
for special occasions.

Nehemiah's

13 On that day the Book
it was found written that no
assembly of God,^a 2 because they had not
hired Balaam^p to call a curse down on them. (Our

^a31 Or go alongside ^b31 Or proceed alongside ^c38 Or them alongside

12:44 Further arrange

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24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

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