

# Sunday, March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

## Sermon: Simon the Zealot – The Mysterious Disciple

**Read Mark 3:13-19**



Jesus called 12 people to be His apostles. Recently we have thought about John and Andrew. Today it is Simon the Zealot. We read a lot in the Gospels about John, Andrew, and some of the others. People like Simon the Zealot we do not know much about. It would seem from what we are told about him that he was a member of the Zealots. The Zealots were revolutionaries. They wanted freedom from Rome and they were willing to fight for that freedom. It seems strange that Jesus would choose someone like that to be a disciple. It shows that Jesus wanted all people to be disciples. He came with love for all to bring salvation to all who would believe in Him.



Even though we do not have any details about Simon we know that he was one of the twelve that was chosen by Jesus. He was one of the few chosen from all of those who were following Jesus. Jesus knew there was something in him that would cause him to be a faithful disciple. He stayed with Jesus through all of the opposition. He was there in the Upper Room with Jesus and the others. He was also there to see Jesus after the Resurrection. We do not know much about him, but he was faithful to Jesus and that is what is important. He was not one of the twelve who stood out, but he stayed with Jesus.



We are not famous. History is not going to record our actions. We can be faithful. We can be someone that sticks with Jesus.