



HEROES OF THE BIBLE

John

AKA: John the Beloved, Son of Thunder

Startling facts: When Jesus was naming His twelve disciples, He named John and his brother James “the sons of thunder.”¹ Looking at various Bible accounts, we understand that James and John were fierce, fiery fellows. Once, when some townspeople rejected Jesus, the brothers were deeply offended. “Lord,” the brothers said, “do you want us to call fire from heaven to consume that town?” Jesus didn’t take them up on that offer.²

Did you know? John was a disciple of John the Baptist prior to following Jesus. He is also referred to in various places in the Gospel of John as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” Along with Peter and James, John witnessed certain miracles that other disciples did not.³ These three disciples later became leaders of the early church.

Coollest trait: John was the only one of the twelve apostles who was present at Jesus’ crucifixion.

You can too: Choose to take a stand regarding things that truly matter.

Footnotes:

¹ See [Mark 3:17](#).

² See [Luke 9:51–56](#).

³ See [Mark 5:37](#), [Matthew 17:1](#).

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