

The Fishers
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Episode V - Team Jesus

- Josh Are you going to the match next week?
- Adam I sure am. Not that I think Galilee have got much chance.
 Samaria have got some awesome players.
- Josh Oh, I don't know. If our manager picks the right players we
 could put out a pretty strong team.
- Adam Who do you reckon it should be then?
- Josh Well, I'd start with David Seaman. No Galilean team could
 afford to be without him.
- Adam Agreed.
- Josh At the back I'd pair Tony Addock with Sole Campbell.
- Adam A good mix of youth and experience.
- Josh And I'd flank them with the Mackerel brothers, Gary and
 Phil.
- Adam I agree with you about Gary, but Phil has had some pretty
 dodgy moments.
- Josh True, but I reckon he's the best available.
- Adam What about the middle of the park?
- Josh We've got real strength there with Paul Shoals and David
 Becalmed.
- Adam World class those two. But have you seen Becalmed's
 haircut. He must have taken a religious vow or something to
 have it shaved like that.
- Josh It's no religion I know, but haircut or no haircut he's got to
 play.
- Adam Who would you put alongside them?

Josh I'd go for experience with Mick McSalmon and David Spratt.

Adam Spratt's knocking on a bit.

Josh Still a great player though.

Adam Maybe, but who would you put up front?

Josh That's tricky.

Adam It sure is.

Josh I'd probably go for Teddy Herringham and Rabbi Fowler.

Adam Yes, they'd make a good combination. But will the Rabbi be available?

Josh I hope so. After all the match is on a Wednesday.

Adam That looks like a good line up to me Josh. We'll just have to wait and see what the manager decides.

Josh Hey, up. Here come the girls. They both look excited about something.

Adam I expect it's some gossip they picked up and want to pass on. You know girls.

Beth Hi there lads. We've got some exciting news to tell you.

Adam I thought as much.

Lydia Yes, the twelve have been named.

Josh Twelve? Can't that manager make up his mind up about anything? You only need eleven.

Adam That's the trouble with having a foreigner in charge. I said it was a mistake. What's wrong with all the homegrown Galilean managers?

Josh Perhaps he wanted to nominate a reserve in case of injury.

Adam Well then you two. Put us out of our misery. Who's been chosen?

Beth Well, for a start there are two sets of brothers.

Josh Two? Now that is a surprise. We weren't expecting that, Adam.

Adam No we weren't.

Beth Yes, there's Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and the sons of Zebedee, James and John.

Adam What? They're nothing but a bunch of fishermen.

Lydia Then there's Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector.

Adam Matthew the tax collector! Now I know you're taking the rip. What use will he be?

Beth And then he's named James, son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot. Oh, that's only eleven. Who's the twelfth Lydia?

Lydia I can't remember. We've had the two James's, Thomas, Philip..... Oh I know. It's Judas Iscariot.

Adam We're doomed

Josh Samaria are going to slaughter us.

Beth What are you guys going on about?

Adam The match. Galilee versus Samaria. With that team we've got no chance – even with one extra player.

Beth This isn't Galilee's team in some stupid match against Samaria.

Josh Well, what is it then?

Beth It's Jesus' team. He's chosen 12 men to be his special disciples.

Lydia He calls them his "apostles" and he's sent them out to travel round the villages preaching and healing the sick like he does.

Beth He even told them to raise the dead. Just like he did for your special friend Esther.

Adam I wish you'd stop going on about Esther. She's not my special friend. I just happen to like her, that's all.

Lydia And I reckon she likes you.

Beth Not half (*Girls giggle*)

Josh Sounds pretty exciting work that the twelve have been sent out to do.

Lydia Well, yes, but Jesus did say that they were to take nothing with them.

Beth Nothing at all. No gold nor silver, no staff, no bag, no extra tunic, no spare sandals.

Adam What nothing? Not even any food?

Beth No, not even a loaf of bread, he was specific about that.

Josh What about fish?

Beth Well he didn't mention that did he Lydia.

Lydia No, I don't think so.

Adam I wouldn't want any anyway. I'm glad I'm not in the twelve. I'd always be hungry and I'm no use to anyone on an empty stomach.

Josh You're no use to anyone on a full stomach. And anyway Jesus wouldn't want a loser like you in his team.

Adam (*Threatening Josh*) Do you want to take this outside mate?

Beth Adam, you are outside.

Adam Ok smarty pants, just because you were born 27 minutes and fifteen seconds before me it doesn't mean you can boss me around like a big sister.

Josh Now, now you two, enough of the family feuding.

Lydia Jesus spoke about family battles when he was instructing his apostles. He said something like “I have come to turn a man against his father and a daughter against her mother”.

Josh That’s a bit harsh. Especially after he said that you should love your enemies.

Adam Are you sure that he said that? What can he mean?

Lydia I think that he meant if you’re going to follow him, you need to do it wholeheartedly.

Beth Yes, he said “Anyone who loves his mother or father more than me is not worthy of me”.

Josh I’m not sure that I could be that committed. I love my parents too much. I don’t think I can cut this anymore. I vote we all pack up and go home.

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