

Week of April 19, 2020

Psalm 118

Many believe that Jesus' disciples, the "Twelve" read Psalm 118 following their time in the Upper Room just prior to Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. We refer to His time in the Upper Room as Maundy Thursday (John13).

Assignment:

Read Psalm 118 each day until we're back at WW Elementary School.

Pre-notes for this week's sermon

When referencing Jesus' disciples or His apostles it's important to draw a distinction between the two words. The "Twelve" represents those who are most often referred to as those closest to Jesus, His *primary disciples*. Too, sometimes the Gospel writers when referring to a particular disciple will use different names for the same individual (e.g. Robert v. Bob) which can be confusing but who am I to say!

The word "apostle" stems from a Latin word which basically means "missionary" in English. During the 1st century AD, the apostles, the "Twelve" plus or minus a few folks established churches throughout the Roman Empire, Middle East, and India according to church tradition.

The word "disciple" in the New Testament denotes the personal followers or students of Jesus Christ. The word may mean the "Twelve" or it may mean His extended disciples depending on the context.

All the apostles were disciples but not all of His disciples were apostles (missionaries).