

# The Had Been With Jesus - The Sons of Thunder -

Luke – the Acts of Jesus

Luke 6:14c,d

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The Sons of Thunder, pt 2a of 2

# **JOHN, A SON OF ZEBEDEE**

# An Affluent Beginning

- Sons of a prominent and prosperous fisherman – Mk 1:20
  - Sons of Zebedee – cited *six* times
    - Mt 20:20; 26:37; 27:56; Mk 10:35; Lk 5:10; Jn 21:2
- Partners with Simon (Peter) – Lk 5:10
- Family – known to the High Priest – Jn 18:15*f*.
- John, younger brother
- Jesus' cousin(?) – cf. Mt 27:55*f*; Mk 15:40; Jn 19:25

# John's Background, 1

- Disciple of John the Baptist, then Jesus – Jn 1:35, 36-40
  - Apparently only part-time at first – Mt 4:21
  - Chosen by Jesus to be one of his Disciples – Lk 5:10*f*.
- Βοανηργές, from Aramaic, *ben regesh*, Sons of Thunder
  - Passionate, zealous, fervent
  - Filled with Zeal for Jesus
    - Fire from heaven? – Lk 9:54
    - Protection of the Chosen Ones? – Lk 9:49

# John's Background, 2

- More known of John than any other, except Peter
- Part of the Three (Peter, James and John)
  - Watched Jesus heal synagogue official's daughter – Mk 5:37
  - Witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus – Mt 17:1
  - With Jesus in Gethsemane – Mt 26:36f.
- Wrangled and connived for a top spot in Jesus' government – Mt 20:20-23
- The disciple "Jesus loved"
  - Jn 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20

# To the Truth! It is Either Black or White

- Light v. Darkness – Jn 1:5; 1 Jn 2:8*f*.
- Life v. Death – Jn 5:24; 1 Jn 3:14
- Kingdom of God v. K. of Satan – Jn 3:3*ff.*; 8:44
- Children of God v. Ch. of Satan – 1 Jn 3:10
- Judgment of Righteous v. J. of wicked – Jn 5:24; Rev 20:11-15
- Resurrection of Life v. R. of judgment – Jn 5:29
- Receiving Christ v. Rejecting Christ – Jn 1:10*f*.
- Bearing fruit v. Bearing no Fruit – Jn 15:2

# To the Truth! It is Either Black or White

- Obedience v. Disobedience – Jn 3:36
- We either walk in Light, or in Darkness – Jn 12:35; 1 Jn 1:7
- We are either of God or of the World – 1 Jn 2:15
- If Born of God, one cannot sin – 1 Jn 3:9
- One who rejects Christ has not God – Jn 5:23; 1 Jn 2:23
- Doer of Good is of God v. Doer of Evil Has Not Seen God – 3 Jn 11
- John used the Greek word for “truth” (ἀληθεια) 45 x
  - See 3 Jn4:2; 1 Jn 2:4; 1:6, 8

# Watch Out for Anti-Christ

- They distort and deny the true Jesus
  - Came from within the Church – 1 Jn 2:18
    - Their exit shows that they were not of us – 2:19
- They deny that Jesus is the Christ – 2:22
  - Denial of Jesus as the Son of God is denial of God, who testified of Jesus' identity – 5:9f.; Jn 5:32-38; 8:19
- They try to deceive the Faithful – 1 Jn 2:26 (3:7); see also Ro 16:18 1 Ti 4:1; 2 Ti 3:13; Titus 1:10; 2 Jn 7
  - In like manner as their father, the Devil – Jn 8:44; see also 2 Co 11:3; Rev 12:9
- Many have already gone out-reject them – 2 Jn 7-11



# Importance of a Truthful Witness

- John the Baptist – Jn 1:6-8
- God the Father – Jn 5:37; 8:18
- The Scriptures – Jn 5:39
- Of Jesus' Works – Jn 10:25; cf. 5:37
- Of the Holy Spirit – Jn 15:26
- Of the Disciples – Jn 15:27
- Of Jesus Christ, Himself – Jn 18:37