

“THE LITTLE PEOPLE”

“A FIRST LOOK AT THE OVERLOOKED?”

{THE LITTLE PEOPLE OR SUPPOSEDLY INSIGNIFICANT FOLKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT}

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

MARY - All she had to offer was her virginity.

Luke 1:26-29 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And coming in, he said to her, "Hail, favored one! The Lord [is] with you." 29 But she was greatly troubled at [this] statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this might be. (NASB)

SIMEON and ANNA - of Luke 2 were aged and mighty faithful.

ANDREW - Introduced Peter to the Lord

John 1:40-42 One of the two who heard John [speak,] and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" which translated means Christ. 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" which is translated Peter. (NASB)

YOUNG LAD -- 5 crackers and 2 fish - Bag lunch

John 6:9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?" (NASB)

DORCAS - TABITHA -- seamstress

Acts 9:39 And Peter arose and went with them. And when he had come, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. (NASB)

BARTIMAEUS - blind, then followed Jesus to the cross

Luke 18:43 And immediately he regained his sight, and [began] following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God. (NASB)

MANAEN - member of Herod's household

Acts 13:1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was [there], prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. (NASB)

TYCHICUS - tik'i-kus - postman

Ephesians 6:21 But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. (NASB)

Colossians 4:7 As to all my affairs, Tychicus, [our] beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information. (NASB)

Colossians 4:16 And when this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter [that is coming] from Laodicea. (NASB)

ARISTARCHUS - Placed himself in harms way for Paul

Acts 19:29 And the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia. (NASB)

EPAPHRAS - early Evangelist of Colossians, Laodicea and Hierapolis

Colossians 1:7 just as you learned [it] from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, (NASB)

Colossians 4:12-13 Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him witness that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis. (NASB)

DEMAS - follower but later deserter

Colossians 4:14 Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and [also] Demas. (NASB)

2 Timothy 4:10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens [has gone] to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. (NASB)

NYMPHA - house church

Colossians 4:15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church that is in her house. (NASB)

Archippus - little known leader

Colossians 4:17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it." (NASB)

PHOEBE - helper, sister, worker

Romans 16:1-2 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; 2 that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well. (NASB)

PRISCA AND AQUILA - natives of Pontus, founders of the Ephesian church as well as Appolos

Acts 18:18-19 And Paul, having remained many days longer, took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria, and with him were Priscilla and Aquila. In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow. 19 And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. (NASB)

Romans 16:3-4 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; (NASB)