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HUMAN of the Bible Reflection

Thaddeus

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The HUMAN of the Bible Reflection for the month of August – Thaddeus, A Disciple of Jesus.

Thaddeus was known by the name Judas (not Iscariot), in the writings of John, the disciple. Matthew and Mark referred to him as Thaddeus, and Luke called him Judas, son of James. In my research, I learned that Judas was a common name. Thaddeus was a nickname and it meant gentle soul that has a tender child-like heart.

This clearly explains why Thaddeus was a quiet unassuming human. With this restrained demeanor, Jesus saw him and chose him to be one of His disciples. There is not much mentioned about him in Scripture. He is listed as one of Jesus's disciples.

Matthew 10:1-4 KJV

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

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Each one of Jesus's disciples had a unique personality and character. Some are discussed more than others – so much so that it can seem as though we know them personally. Unfortunately, others are not known as well and do not have much shared about their relationship with Jesus or their ministry in Scripture.

There is something about you, dear Reader, that Jesus sees and chooses you. If you will accept His call for your life, you will never regret it. Jesus will change your life as He reveals the plans He has for you. I encourage you to welcome Jesus into your life – repent and receive Him as your personal Savior.

Unassuming ...quiet, demure, down-to-earth or projecting, bold, big personality ...either way ...our amazing God knows you, sees you, and cares for you more than you can comprehend. I am here to pray with you or answer any questions I can, if you want to reach out to me.

There is not much mentioned about our HUMAN of the Bible for this month. However, there was definitely something that Jesus saw in him. With that, it caused Him to call Thaddeus to be one His disciples.

This scenario of not being mentioned might be something one resonates with while reading about Thaddeus. When we are referenced in daily life, there is a sense of validation and value.

Many times we find ourselves behind the scenes. These positions don't get the attention. They aren't in the limelight. Sometimes they are neglected and taken for granted, unintentionally – of course.

If you have this important task of offering your greatest contribution from behind the scenes, but you sometimes feel unnoticed or unmentioned – please know you are seen! Our amazing God sees you and He calls you to this occasion for His glory.

Psalm 139:7-10 NIV

7 Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

10 even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

Servant leaders are the most valuable people in the world. They have the power to change our lives. Our HUMAN of the Bible Reflection – Thaddeus, A Disciple of Jesus – represents a servant leader as we learn what we can about him.

In an opportunity to have such a role as servant leader, behind the scenes with an unassuming character - we glean how essential it is to arise, shine and allow the light of Jesus to be seen. This is what God created Thaddeus - and each of us - to be for Him. We know our HUMAN of the Bible chose to - will we do the same?

Should you desire prayer for your particular behind the scenes task, I am so glad to pray with you. Please visit my [Prayer Request page](#) and submit a completed prayer request form. I assure you, I will pray with you. I can be reached at thumanburgin@gmail.com for questions or comments, as well.

The most important page is my [Invitation and Prayer page](#) if you want to know more about receiving Jesus as your personal Savior. I welcome you to stop by.

There is not much said about Thaddeus, yet we can learn so much. As we study together this month - be assured that you matter to God. You matter in the lives of those He has called you to, the position He has placed you in, and the people who you are now in the power to make a difference for His glory.

Let us be better humans as we get to know this unassuming HUMAN of the Bible - Thaddeus, A Disciple of Jesus. I pray you find God's way for you to be more than you imagined.

Thank you for stopping by ...I'm so glad you did. You're welcome to stop anytime. I will meet you here at HUMAN Living Ministry! Always remember, dear Reader, Jesus loves you so!