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Squad	Duties	Disciples	Order of Call	Call Reference	Apostle Symbol	Known As
First	Performed as counselors and prayer partners for Jesus Christ.	Peter	3	John 1:42	Hope	Leader 1st Squad; Primary spokesman; Apostle to the Jews; Brother to Andrew. Rock upon which church is founded.
		Andrew	1	John 1:35-41	Introduction	First called; Brought people to Jesus; Fisherman by trade with John. Brother of Peter.
		John	2	Mt 4:21	Love	Youngest (about seventeen) and beloved by Jesus Christ; Traditional author of fourth Gospel; Also wrote Revelation, and John 1, 2, an 3. Fisherman by trade with Andrew; Zebedee family wealthy. Brother of James.
		James	4	Mt 4:21	Witness	Silent Disciple (no record of ever speaking) and first martyr (beheaded by Herod). Zebedee family wealth shared with his brother John.
Second	Looked after people, affairs and crowds in Deacon fashion	Philip	5	John 1:43	Spiritual Growth	Leader 2nd Squad; Analytical Disciple, always fifth.
		Nathaniel (Bartholomew)	6	John 1:43-49	Spiritual Perception	Sincere and royal background.
		Matthew	7	Mt 9:9-13	Hospitality	Tax Collector; Publican; Oldest. Traditional author of first Gospel. Outrageous sinner; Superior business and political negotiations knowledge; Fluent in Greek.
		Thomas	8	Mt 10:2-4	Faith	Twin and doubter
Third	Managed worldly affairs and money	James the Lesser	9	Mt 10:2-4	Second Place	Leader of 3rd Squad; Smaller stature
		Simon the Zealot	10	Mt 10:2-4	God and Country	Revolutionary; wanted to overthrow Rome
		Judas (Thaddeus, Lebbaeus)	11	Mt 10:2-4	Intimate Christianity	Three Names; later changed name to Jude
		Judas Iscariot	12	Mt 10:2-4	Honor	Betrayer

While all four Gospels place Disciples in different order, the first, fifth and ninth disciples are always the same, indicating a leadership role in the squad. Peter's group was "inner circle" closest to Christ while the squad led by James the most distant to Him.