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## The prayer of Jesus

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Jesus departed to the mountain to pray,  
and he spent the night in prayer to God.  
When day came, he called his disciples to himself,  
and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles:  
Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew,  
James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,  
Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus,  
Simon who was called a Zealot,  
and Judas the son of James,  
and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground.  
A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people  
from all Judea and Jerusalem  
and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon  
came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;  
and even those who were tormented by unclean spirits were cured.  
Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him  
because power came forth from him and healed them all.

(Lk 6:12-19)