

Twelve Plus One

[Intro]

He called twelve men, then later one—
This is the story of the twelve plus one.

[Verse 1]

Along Galilee where the fishing nets lay,
Jesus called ordinary men one day.
Fishermen left boats; Matthew left his chair;
They followed the Christ from town to town,
Saw the lame rise up and the storms bow down.
He taught them God's Kingdom, His purpose and plan;
Then sent them to preach it throughout the land.

[Hook]

Twelve plus one—twelve plus one!
Christ is risen, and the Kingdom will come!
From Jerusalem outward, they preached the risen Son—
God changed the world through the twelve plus one!

[Verse 2]

Judas betrayed Him; they watched Jesus die.
They scattered in fear as He was crucified.
Peter denied Him; their courage was gone;
All of their hope seemed sealed behind stone.
Then morning broke and the stone rolled away—
“Jesus is risen!” they heard the women say.
Thomas saw the scars; Peter's heart was restored.
For forty days they learned from their risen Lord.

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[Verse 3]

Matthias was chosen; the Twelve stood again.
Then heaven came roaring like a rushing wind.
God poured out His Spirit and gave them the power;
Peter preached boldly in that very hour.

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Threatened and beaten, imprisoned and tried,
They would not be silent though James lost his life.
Old records and stories still trace where they went,
Eastward and westward, wherever God sent.

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[Bridge]

Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Matthew and Philip carried on,
Thomas, Bartholomew, Simon and James,
Judas son of James proclaimed Jesus' name.
Matthias stood where the traitor had gone—
The Twelve stood ready, but God was not done.

[Verse 4]

Saul hunted believers with warrants in hand,
Till light struck him down on Damascus land.
“Why do you persecute Me?” the risen Christ called;
The enemy trembled and rose up as Paul.
Beaten and stoned, shipwrecked and chained,
Through Asia and Greece the gospel was proclaimed.
Before common people, governors, and kings,
The plus one preached Christ and the coming King.

[Final Hook]

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From Jerusalem outward, they preached the risen Son—
God changed the world through the twelve plus one!
Twelve plus one—carry it on!
Twelve plus one—till the Kingdom has come!

[Outro]

The message still lives, and the work is not done—
Carry it on from the twelve plus one.