

books of the month

Twelve Ordinary Men and *Twelve Extraordinary Women*

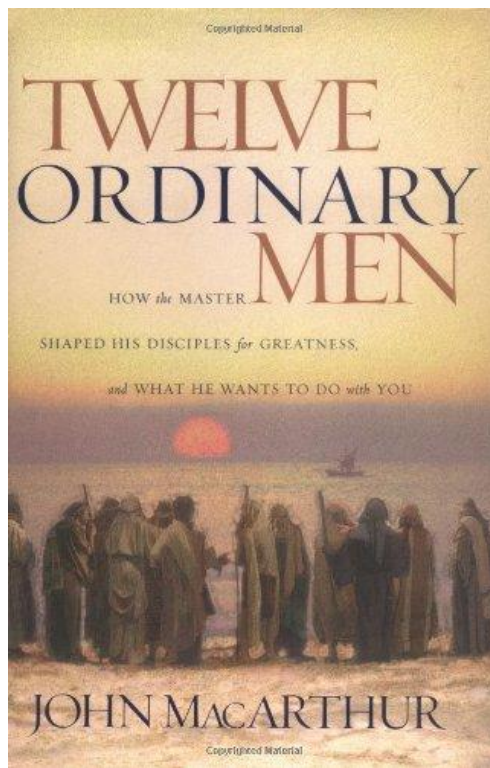
by John MacArthur

During his time preaching through the gospels, John MacArthur took a minor detour to preach character profiles on each of the twelve apostles who were hand chosen by Jesus. The series was well-received the first time and has been preached many times since. After that sermon series was developed into the book, *Twelve Ordinary Men*, the publishers quickly sought a complimentary sequel that highlighted women who were also uniquely used by God.

These two books together will serve as our highlighted resources for the summer months. In them, John MacArthur provides excellent portraits of ordinary people used by God in extraordinary ways. The background information will assist the reader in understanding the ancient words of the Old and New Testaments better. These books remind us of our own weakness and of God's abundant power and wisdom to use the weak things of the world (1 Cor. 1:26-29). It is my prayer that these resources would humble and strengthen us for the many good works that God has prepared for us to walk in (Eph. 2:10).

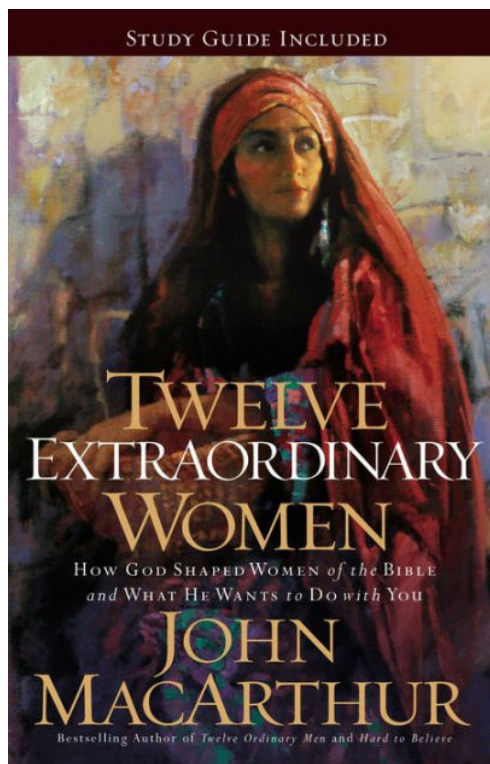
— Omri Miles,
Deacon of the BookTable ministry

John MacArthur's sermon series on the twelve



Suggested One-Month Reading Plan (less than 7 pages per day)

- Week 1: Monday, the 8th – Sunday, the 14th**
Common Men, Uncommon Calling - 28 pages
Peter - 32 pages
- Week 2: Monday, the 15th – Sunday, the 21st**
Andrew - 16 pages
James - 18 pages
John - 24 pages
- Week 3: Monday, the 22nd – Sunday, the 28th**
Philip - 16 pages
Nathanael - 14 pages
Matthew and Thomas - 14 pages
- Week 4: Monday, the 29th – Sunday, the 5th**
James, Simon, and Judas - 14 pages
Judas (Iscaariot) - 18 pages



Suggested One-Month Reading Plan (about 7 pages per day)

- Week 1: Monday, the 8th – Sunday, the 14th**
Introduction - 6 pages
Eve - 26 pages
Sarah - 14 pages
- Week 2: Monday, the 15th – Sunday, the 21st**
Rahab - 18 pages
Ruth - 18 pages
Hannah - 20 pages
- Week 3: Monday, the 22nd – Sunday, the 28th**
Mary - 22 pages
Anna - 12 pages
The Samaritan Woman - 14 pages
- Week 4: Monday, the 29th – Sunday, the 5th**
Martha and Mary - 16 pages
Mary Magdalene - 16 pages
Lydia - 12 pages
Epilogue - 4 pages

**apostles from Luke 6:12-13 can be found at gty.org,
search: "Common Men, Uncommon Calling."**