

October 28th: St. Simon and Jude, apostles

Gospel text (*Lk 6,12-19*): Jesus went out into the hills to pray, spending the whole night in prayer with God. When day came, He called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them...



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Today, as we celebrate these two apostles, we notice two things. On the one hand, that night Jesus spent praying for his future chosen ones. A whole night! Let us think: how many nights did Jesus spend praying for me? Because in the Church we are all chosen (there are no players and spectators in this “game”: “all of us” play the game with Jesus Christ).

- On the other hand, it is impressive to see in the same group of chosen people a “partisan” of the Roman Empire (Mathew) and, at the same time, Simon, an “opponent” of the Roman dominion. God calls everyone. And “everyone” means “everyone”: God is like that!