

The Apostles and Who They Were



The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;



Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphæus, and Lebbæus, whose surname was Thaddæus;




Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

And Judas the brother of James Luke 6:16


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Peter

Apostle	Other known names	Family Facts	Unique characteristics	Death
<p>Peter</p> 	<p>Simon/Simeon Cephus or Petros (stone or rock) given by Jesus Bar-jona</p>	<p>He was the son of a man named Jonah. His brother was Andrew</p> <p>His home was in Bethsaida John 1:44) and Capernaum (see Mark 1:21, 29)</p>	<p>He was a fisherman by trade</p> <p>He was married</p> <p>He healed his mother-in-law</p> <p>Baptized by John the Baptist and one of his disciples.</p> <p>He was the senior Apostle following the Savior's death.</p> <p>He conferred the Melchizedek Priesthood on Joseph Smith</p>	<p>According to tradition He was crucified upside down by his own request because he did not consider himself worthy to meet death in the same manner as the Lord. About AD 64-68 Tradition says: that they made Peter watch his wife be crucified.</p>


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Andrew

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<p>Andrew</p> 	<p>Name means: "manly"</p>	<p>Son of Jonah</p> <p>Brother of Simon Peter</p> <p>He was a fisherman with Peter and Zebedee's family</p> <p>He lived in Bethsaida (John 1:44) and Capernaum (Mark 1:21, 29)</p>	<p>Baptized by John the Baptist and one of his disciples. As a disciple of John the Baptist he met Jesus and then brought Peter to meet Jesus. He was one of the earliest called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Tradition says he preached in the Scythia (Ukraine and Russia), Greece, and Asia Minor.</p>	<p>Tradition says Andrew was crucified in Patras, Achaia (current day Greece) A.D. 70</p> <p>The cross was positioned like an X and they bound him to it and he suffered for 2 days and preaching while he hung on the cross.</p>


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James

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<p>James</p> 	<p>Hebrew name: Jacob</p> <p>He was given the name Boanerges</p>	<p>His brother was John</p> <p>Son of Zebedee</p> <p>He possible lived in Bethsaida</p>	<p>He and his brother were called Boanerges, meaning “sons of thunder”</p> <p>Baptized by John the Baptist and one of his disciples.</p> <p>He was a fisherman with John, Peter, and Andrew.</p> <p>He preached in Jerusalem and Judea.</p> <p>He was a member of the First Presidency with Peter and John.</p> <p>He was one of three chosen to be with our Lord on certain special occasions.</p>	<p>Beheaded by King Herod Agrippa about AD 44 (Acts 12:2) in Judea</p> <p>He was the first apostle to be martyred in early church times.</p>

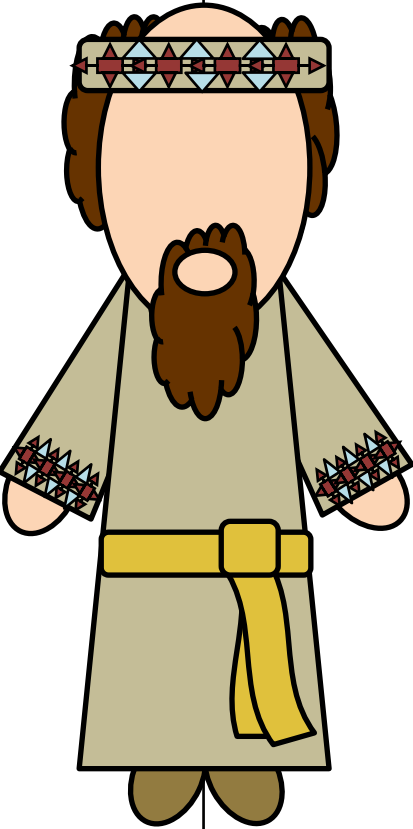
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John

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<p>John</p>	<p>Hebrew: Johanan Meaning "Jehovah's Gift"</p> <p>Also called: "John the Beloved"</p> <p>He calls himself "the disciple whom Jesus loved" or "that other disciple"</p> <p>From Jesus he received the name "Boanerges, "a son of thunder" .</p> <p>Writer of John, 1,2,3 John and Revelations</p>	<p>Son of Zebedee</p> <p>Brother of James</p> 	<p>Baptized by John the Baptist and one of his disciples.</p> <p>He was a fisherman.</p> <p>He was a member of the First Presidency with Peter and James.</p> <p>He labored among churches of Asia Minor, especially Ephesus.</p> <p>He was boiled in oil and escaped miraculously,. He was sentenced to work in mines of Patmos, an island, while he wrote Revelations. He is mentioned frequently in latter-day revelation.</p>	<p>John did not die, but has been allowed to remain on the earth as a ministering servant until the Lord's second coming.</p> <p>He was later translated (D&C 7)</p> <p>Tradition (the world) says he moved to Turkey and died of old age</p>


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Philip

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<p>Philip</p> 	<p>Name comes from Greek: "Lover of horses"</p>	<p>He had 4 unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy (Acts 21:9) He possibly lived in Bethsaida (John 1:44; 12:21)</p>	<p>He may have been a Jewish-Greek as he was approached by the Greeks in John 12:21</p> <p>He preached in Samaria. Then an angel told him to go to Gaza from Jerusalem where he taught a eunuch of great importance. He lived in Caesarea during Paul's 3rd mission.</p> <p>He shared news of the long-awaited Messiah with Nathanael.</p> <p>Tradition says he preached in Asia Minor</p>	<p>Tradition says: He was martyred in Hieropolis, Turkey</p>


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Nathanael--Bartholomew

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<p>Nathanael</p> 	<p>Bartholomew</p> <p>From Hebrew meaning:</p> <p>"Gift of God" or</p> <p>"God Has Given"</p>	<p>He was likely the son of a man named Tholomew</p> <p>Friendship with Philip and he belonged to Cana in Galilee (John 21:2)</p>	<p>Nathanael is always mentioned along with apostles, but his associates mention him as Bartholomew. Preached in Armenia and India, Ethiopia, Arabia, Egypt, and Persia.</p>	<p>Tradition says: Nathanael was skinned alive and beheaded in Northern Armenia, in a town called Derbent.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Tradition says he preached in southern Arabia and was flayed to death or crucified.</p>


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Matthew

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<p>Matthew</p> 	<p>Levi a word meaning: "gift of Jehovah"</p> <p>He was also called the Publican</p>	<p>He was the son of Alphaeus, brother of James the less making him the nephew of James the less.</p>	<p>Author of Matthew</p>	<p>Traditions says: He was either killed in Ethiopia or Persia. Most people think he was killed by a sword in Ethiopia</p>

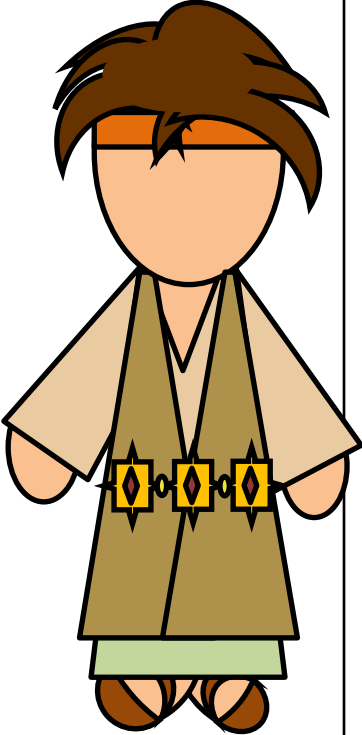
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Thomas

Apostle	Other known names	Family Facts	Unique characteristics	Death
Thomas 	Didymus From the Greek meaning: "Twin"	Didymus may have been his surname. He was possibly from Galilee	Tradition says he was a missionary to Parthia (modern Iran) and India	Tradition says: Thomas was stabbed with a spear near Madras southeastern coast of India. Or He died when shot by arrows while in prayer.


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James

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<p>James</p> 	<p>Called “the less” to distinguish him from James who was the brother of John.</p> <p>English form of the Hebrew name Jacob.</p> <p>Known as “James the Just”</p>	<p>He was the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus.</p> <p>He was probably from Galilee</p>	<p>Probably the writer of Epistle of James.</p> <p>He spent most of his time in Israel. And went on a mission to Egypt Nothing further is know of him, unless he is, as some think, the same as Son of Alphaeus. See bible dictionary</p>	<p>Tradition says he and was crucified in Egypt or stoned by Jews for preaching of Christ.</p>


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Simon

Apostle	Other known names	Family Facts	Unique characteristics	Death
Simon	<p>Called “The Canaanite”</p> <p>Called Simon Zelotes</p> <p>And “The Zealot”</p> <p>Hebrew word for Zealot was Kananim, this would explain the title, “Canaanite”</p> <p>Matthew and Mark call him “the Cananaean” (not Canaanite as in the King James Version.</p>	<p>He was probably from Galilee</p> 	<p>He probably had been a member of the Hebrew group which advocated fierce allegiance to Israel and violent overthrow of Roman domination. He preached in Egypt and traveled to Persia (Iran).</p> <p>He may have taught the gospel in Britain and Egypt.</p>	<p>Tradition says: He was hacked to death in Persia.</p> <p>Or Tradition says he suffered death by crucifixion.</p>

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Jude

Apostle	Other known names	Family Facts	Unique characteristics	Death
Jude/Judas	<p>Hebrew form meaning: Judas. He is also called “not Iscariot” to distinguish him from the traitor Judas</p> <p>Arabic root (Lebbaeus)</p> <p>Arabic root (Thaddaeus)</p> <p>Hebrew root (Heart)</p>	<p>Is often times confused with the brother of our Lord.</p> <p>Son of James; Jude; Thaddaeus; Lebbaeus</p> <p>He may have been from Galilee</p>	<p>Writer of the epistle of Jude</p> <p>He preached in Assyria and Persia (which is Iraq and Iran)</p>	<p>Tradition says: He was killed in Persia</p> 


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Judas Iscariot


Apostle	Other known names	Family Facts	Unique characteristics	Death
Judas	Called Iscariot, probably because he was from the village of Kerioth in the tribe of Judah.	He was the son of Simon	He was the only one who was not a Galilean. Betrayed Jesus	Hung himself in Jerusalem



Apostles After Christ---Matthias

Apostle	Other known names	Interesting fact	Unique characteristics	Death
Matthias	Name means: Gift of Jehovah 	Because of the transgression of Judas, the 11 needed to appoint another apostle. The leaders appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and <u>Matthias</u> . When they prayed, they knew in their hearts and the lot fell upon Matthias.	He was the person to fill the place of Judas. All that is known of him is that he was a disciple throughout the whole of our Lord's ministry. Tradition states that he preached the gospel and suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia*	Stoned and beheaded (in Ethiopia)*

Apostles After Christ---Paul

Apostle	Other known names	Family Facts	Unique characteristics	Death
<p>Paul</p> 	<p>Saul...a Pharisee Paul's Latin name is first mentioned in the beginning of his gentile ministry.</p>	<p>He belonged to Tarsus, in Cilicia. He was a pupil of Gamaliel.</p>	<p>Early life: He was active in the persecution of Christians and took part in the martyrdom of Stephen. Saw a vision on the Road for Damascus which changed his current life. Baptized by Ananias and retired to Arabia for 3 years. After returning to Jerusalem, he was introduced to Peter and James. He retired to Tarsus and remained 6-7 years preaching in Syria and Cilicia. He took 3 missionary journeys and spent time in prison writing letters to the saints. "He is about five feet high; very dark hair; dark complexion; dark skin; large Roman nose; sharp face; small black eyes, penetrating as eternity; round shoulders; a whining voice, except when elevated, and then it almost resembled the roaring of a lion" <i>(Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, sel. Joseph Fielding Smith [1976], 180). August 1999 Ensign Paul: Untiring Witness of Christ by Daivid Rolph Seely and Jo Ann H. Seely</i></p>	<p>Tortured and beheaded in Rome by Nero in probably in the spring of A.D. 65</p>

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