

# *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*


# Apostles of Christ

# Peter

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

| Apostle | Other known names   | Family Facts  | Unique characteristics  | Death  |
|---------|---|---|---|--|
| James   | <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> |

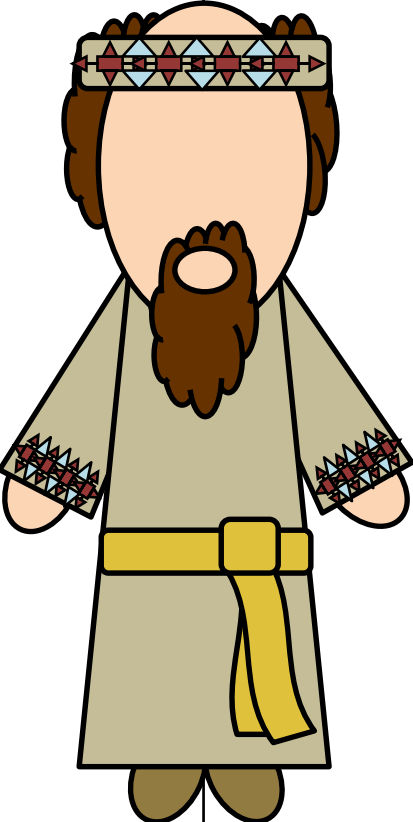
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# John

| Apostle | Other known names   | Family Facts  | Unique characteristics  | Death   |
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| John    | <p>Hebrew: Johanan<br/>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&amp;C 7)</p> <p>Tradition (the world) says he moved to Turkey and died of old age</p> |


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# Philip

| Apostle  | Other known names                               | Family Facts  | Unique characteristics  | Death  |
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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)<br/>                     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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

| Apostle  | Other known names   | Family Facts  | Unique characteristics  | Death  |
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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

| Apostle   | Other known names  | Family Facts   | Unique characteristics | Death   |
|---|--|--|------------------------|---|
| Matthew<br> | Levi a word meaning:<br>“gift of Jehovah<br><br>He was also called<br>the Publican | He was the son<br>of Alphaeus,<br>brother of<br>James the less<br>making him the<br>nephew of<br>James the less. | Author of<br>Matthew   | Traditions says:<br>He was either<br>killed in<br>Ethiopia or<br>Persia. Most<br>people think he<br>was killed by a<br>sword in<br>Ethiopia |



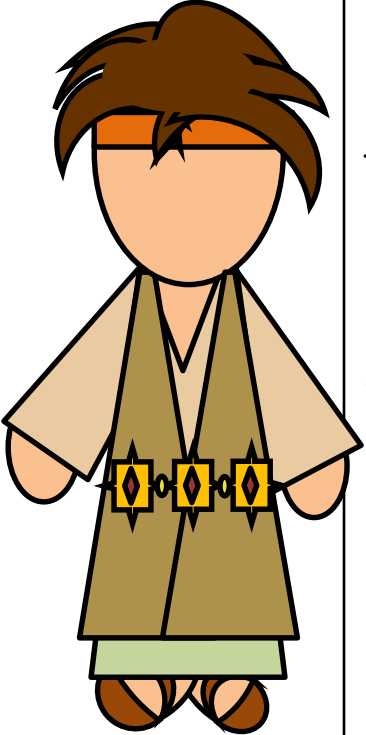
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# Thomas

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


# Apostles of Christ

# James

| Apostle   | Other known names   | Family Facts  | Unique characteristics  | Death  |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <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> |


# Apostles of Christ

# 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.<br><br>Betrayed Jesus | Hung himself in Jerusalem |



# Apostles After Christ---Matthias

| Apostle   | Other known names  | Interesting fact  | Unique characteristics   | Death   |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <p>Matthias</p>  | <p>Name means: Gift of Jehovah</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>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*</p> | <p>Stoned and beheaded (in Ethiopia)*</p> |

# Apostles After Christ---Paul

| Apostle   | Other known names   | Family Facts   | Unique characteristics  | Death   |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| <p>Paul</p>  | <p>Saul...a Pharisee<br/>Paul's Latin name is first mentioned in the beginning of his gentile ministry.</p> | <p>He belonged to Tarsus, in Cilicia.<br/><br/>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.<br/>"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"<br/><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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