

# THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF JESUS

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	Matthew 10:2-4 (NIV)	Nickname	Parents	Death
1	Simon, called Peter,	Peter	Jonah (or John)	Crucified Upside Down
2	and Andrew his brother;		Jonah (or John)	Crucified
3	James the son of Zebedee,	James The Elder	Son of Zebedee & Salome	Beheaded By Herod
4	and John his brother;	John The Beloved Disciple	Son of Zebedee & Salome	Natural Death At Patmos
5	Philip,			Martyr's Death At Hierapolis
6	and Bartholomew;	Nathanel	Tolmai	Beaten To Death
7	Thomas	Didymus	Alphaeus	Martyrdom In India
8	and Matthew the publican	Levi		Crucified In Egypt
9	James the son of Alphaeus,	James The Less	Son Of Alphaeus & Mary	Crucified
10	and Thaddaeus;	Jude		Martyred In Persia
11	Simon the Zealot,	Simon, The Zealot		Crucified
12	and Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot, The Betrayer	Simon	Hanged Himself
13	Matthias			Martyred In Ethiopia
14	Saul	Paul, The Apostle		Beheaded In Rome

**APOSTLE** means one who is sent with a message. Jesus chose twelve apostles, from His disciples, while He was living and following His death Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, who had betrayed Jesus. The twelve were the leaders of the Church Of Christ (Acts 2). Saul of Tarsus who became the apostle Paul had a special calling into the Apostleship (I Cor. 1:9; 15:9; Gal. 1:11-24). He wrote more than half of our New Testament books. In a lesser sense - the term apostle was applied to all of the more eminent Christian teachers, such as Andronicus and Junias (Romans 16:7).

To qualify for the Apostleship according to Acts 1:20-22, one must have been an eyewitness of the resurrected Lord. Thus, in this sense - no one among us today is an apostle as those in the Bible.

Records of the actual death of the apostles were not kept as accurate as we keep records today. Thus, many of the listings of the various apostles' deaths are based on tradition and not actual facts.

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