

## Chronology: Lives of Key Disciples

Name	Relationships	Note	Est. Date of Death
John the Baptist	A descendant of Aaron. Cousin to Jesus.		AD 28. Executed by Herod.
James the Greater	Son of Zebedee and Salome, brother to John. One of the <i>Sons of Thunder</i> .	One of the 12 disciples. Present at transfiguration.	AD 44. Executed (beheaded?) by Herod. Acts 12:2.
James the Just	Brother of the Lord.	First bishop of Jerusalem. Writer of the Epistle of James.	AD 62 (according to Josephus). Stoned to death. Also thought that he was thrown over a hundred feet from the pinnacle of the SE part of Temple; apparently surviving, but was then beaten to death with a Fuller's club.
Simon the Zealot		One of the 12 disciples.	AD 65. Martyrdom in (Persia) Beirut with Judas/Thaddeus.
Thaddeus		One of the 12 disciples. Also known by some as Judas, the son of James.	AD 65. Tradition is he preached in Armenia. Martyrdom in Beirut (Persia) with Simon the Zealot.
Simon Peter	Brother of Andrew, son of Jona.	One of the 12 disciples. From the city of Bethsaida. Writer of the Peter Epistles. Present at transfiguration. (Given name Simon: Aramaic- <i>Cephas</i> ; Greek- <i>Peter</i> ).	AD 67. Crucified upside down on what is believed to be an X-shaped cross - under Nero's reign.
Paul	A Roman citizen. Son of a Pharisee (who was also a Roman citizen). Acts 23:6. Of the tribe of Benjamin.		AD 67. Martyred, possibly beheaded in Rome.
Thomas		One of the 12 disciples. Also called Didymus. Probably from Galilee. Asked Jesus how to know the way.	AD 72. Martyred in India. Was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the sub-continent.
Judas Iscariot		Possibly from Judea. Treasurer for the apostles. Known as " <i>Son of Perdition</i> ".	Hanged himself in AD 30.
James the Less.	Son of Alphaeus and Mary (possibly brother of Matthew of Alpheus; possibly, also brother of Joseph).	One of the 12 disciples. See Mark 15:40; Mark 16:1; Matt. 27:56.	It is thought that he was beheaded by Herod, but the date is unknown.
Bartholomew	Son of Tolmay (the Ploughman).	One of the 12 disciples. Identified as Nathanael of John 1. From city of Cana. Jesus saw him under the fig tree. Known as a missionary to Asia; witnessed in Turkey.	Martyred in Armenia, date unknown; flayed to death by a whip.
Philip		One of the 12 disciples. From the city of Bethsaida. Told Nathaniel of Jesus.	Possibly AD 80. Depending on tradition either crucified or beheaded in Hierapolis.
Luke		Writer of the Gospel of Luke and Acts. From Antioch.	Tradition: Died possibly AD 84 as a martyr (hanged in Greece as a result of his preaching).

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Andrew	Brother of Peter, son of Jona	One of the 12 disciples. From the city of Bethsaida. First bishop of Byzantium.	Unknown. Crucified on a X-shaped cross at Patras, Southern Greece. Addition: After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words: <i>'I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it.'</i> He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.
John	Son of Zebedee and Salome, brother of James the Greater. One of the <i>Sons of Thunder</i> .	One of the 12 disciples. Writer of 5 of the NT books. Present at transfiguration. Cared for the Lord's mother.	Unknown. Died in great old age in Ephesus.
Matthew	Known as Levi, son of Alphaeus (possibly brother of James of Alphaeus).	One of the 12 disciples. Tax Collector. Writer of a Gospel. Held a great feast for Jesus in his house.	Unknown. Traditions hold that he died a martyr (Ethiopia?)
Mark	Known also as John Mark; cousin to Barnabas.	Author of the Gospel of Mark. Founder of the church of Africa; the bishop of Alexandria. Many believe it was Mark who was the one who was in the Garden of Gethsemane running away dropping his clothes.	Tradition: Died in Alexandria (AD68?), Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.
Matthias		The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot.	Tradition: was stoned and then beheaded.