

**What Became of the Apostles**  
from *The Search for the Twelve Apostles* by William Steuart McBirnie

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	Name	Known as	Scriptures related to "Calling"	Missionary Efforts	Death
1	Simon Peter	Brother of Andrew; called "The Rock" or Cephas	Matt 4:18; Jk 1:16; Luke 5; John 1:35	Antioch (bishop for 7 years, 33-40?), Jerusalem (until 43), Babylon (44-49), Corinth, Britain (?), Rome	Peter met his death at Rome by the hands of the ... Romans who crucified him ... He refused to die in the same position as our Lord, declaring that he was unworthy. He demanded to be crucified in the reverse position, with his head down. Ironically, this wish was granted by the taunting Romans in Nero's circus AD 67." ...Jowett
2	Andrew	Brother of Peter	Mk 1:29; Mat 4:18; John 1:40	According to Eusebius, spent time in Scythia in Southern Russia in the area around the Black Sea and for a long time was known as the patron saint of Russia. He has also been placed in Asia Minor with John and in Greece.	Andrew is said to have been crucified in Patras, in Southern Greece in the year AD 69 (on the last day of November?). The cross used was in the form of an "X". To this day, that form of cross is known as "The St. Andrew's Cross". Relics of Andrew were taken to Scotland in the 4 <sup>th</sup> century to an area later known as St. Andrews. Today he is the patron saint of Scotland and the St. Andrews Cross is a part of the nation's flag.
3	James	Son of Zebedee	Matt 4:21; Mk 1:19; Luke 5:10	One legend places James in India with Peter. Other traditions place him in Sardinia and Spain.	James was murdered "with the sword" by King Herod Agrippa I in about the year 44 AD, shortly before Herod's own death. (see Acts 12:1,2)
4	John	Son of Zebedee	Matt 4:21; Mk 1:19; Luke 5:10	Lived much of the time at Ephesus where he cared for Mary, Jesus' mother, until her death. He was imprisoned for a time on the penal island of Patmos, off the coast of Turkey, where he wrote the book of Revelation.	John died peacefully in Ephesus at an advanced age around the year 100 AD.
5	Philip		John 1:43	After the ascension of Christ, Philip was said to have traveled into Scythia where he preached the Gospel for twenty years; he then preached at Hierapolis in Phrygia. Philip had four daughters who uttered prophecies. Philip was also reported to have visited France.	It was reliably reported that Philip died at Hierapolis. According to one writer, he was crucified and stoned while on the cross by a group of priests of dragon worshipers. The apocryphal <i>Acts of Philip</i> said that he was "martyred by being pierced through the thighs and hung upside down".
6	Bartholomew	believed by some to be the same as Nathaniel who was brought to Christ by Philip	Matt 10:3; Mk 3:18; Luke 6:14	was said to have preached the Gospel at Hierapolis with Philip and was present at the martyrdom of Philip. Bartholomew is also reported to have visited India and left a Hebrew copy of the Gospel of Matthew there. It is said that he and Thaddeus carried the Gospel to Armenia (Thaddeus from 35-43 AD and Bartholomew from 44-60 AD).	After having converted many in Armenia (Scythia) to the faith "he was flayed alive by the barbarians, and by command of King Astiages fulfilled his martyrdom by beheading...at a place called Albanopolis (Derbend on the West coast of the Caspian Sea.)" in 68 AD.
7	Thomas	Called Didymus or "the twin", also "doubting Thomas"	Matt 10:3; Mk 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13	Reported to have "established a church in Babylon" (with Jude Thaddeus) and then arrived in India "no later than 49 AD". He was said to be in Malabar, South India in 52 AD where he established several churches.	Thomas was martyred in India. One account said that he "was thrust through by a spear" while on his knees in prayer.
8	Matthew	also Levi, the tax collector	Matt 9:9; Mk 2:14; Luke 5:27	Author of the Gospel of Matthew, written originally in Hebrew or Aramaic for "those of the circumcision who believed". Some report Matthew's visiting Ethiopia, but this was probably a similarly named area to the south of the Caspian Sea in Persia.	According to one account (Clement of Alexandria), Matthew "died a natural death". According to the <i>Talmud</i> , Matthew was condemned to death by the Jewish Sanhedrin.

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9	James	"Son of Alphaeus" (and a brother of Matthew Levi?)	Matt 4:21; Mk 3:18; Luke 5:10	Often confused with James, the brother of Jesus, but one likely account indicates that he was the first bishop of the Syrian church.	May have been "stoned by the Jews for preaching Christ and...buried by the Sanctuary in Jerusalem."
10	Jude Thaddaeus	son of "James the Elder", grandson of Zebedee	Matt 10:3	preached the gospel in Armenia from 35-43 AD (or 43-66)..	was martyred ("killed with a halberd") at Ardaze in Armenia in AD 50 (?) (possibly at the same time as Simon Zelotes).
11	Simon	the Canaanite, also Simon Zelotes or Simon the Zealot	Matt 10:4; Mk 3:18; Luke 6:15	According to Dorotheus, bishop of Tyre in AD 300: "Simon Zelotes traversed all thru Mauritania and the regions of the Africans, preaching Christ." He is said to have arrived in Britain in 60 AD, brought there by Joseph of Arimathea.	again, according to Dorotheus, Simon was "crucified, slain and buried in Britain"... perhaps in the vicinity of Caistor, Lincolnshire, according to some traditions, on May 10, 61 AD. By another tradition, he spent time in Persia with Jude Thaddaeus and was martyred there ("sawn asunder") at the same time as Jude.
12	Judas Iscariot		Matt 10:4; Mk 3:19; Luke 6:16; John 6:70		committed suicide
13	Matthias	chosen to replace Judas among the Twelve Apostles	Acts 1:23,26	little is known, although he is identified as one of the 5 apostles who preached the gospel to the Armenians.	said to have been martyred, possibly by crucifixion or stoning.

1	John Mark	cousin of Barnabas, companion of Peter, author of Gospel of Mark (AD 50 to 68)		was with Peter in Babylon, Peter and Paul in Rome; then to Cyrenaica (his parents original home), Alexandria and North Africa.	martyred in 68 AD, where he was seized by a pagan crowd at Easter time, "dragged with a rope around his neck through the streets" of Baucalis, a suburb of Alexandria, "until he gave up the ghost". He was buried in a grave carved in the rock under the altar of the church there.
2	Barnabas	the "Encourager", companion of Paul thru his 1st missionary journey; according to some, may have been the author of the NT book of Hebrews.			died in Cyprus at his native town of Salamis, possibly in 58 AD (1 Cor 9:5) during his second missionary trip there.
3	John the Baptist	Cousin of Jesus			beheaded by Herod at the request of Salome
4	Luke	"the beloved Physician" (Col 4:14) to Paul, author of Gospel of Luke and NT book of Acts.		home was Philippi, traveled with Paul on 2nd & 3rd missionary journeys and accompanied Paul from Jerusalem to Rome.	"some say that he died peacefully in Boeotia" (or Bithynia?) at the age of 84, and "others that he was crucified with St. Andrew at Patras or at Elaea in Peloponnesus".
5	Paul	Saul of Tarsus		his missionary journeys are recorded in the book of Acts and his letters. Some traditions say that he visited Spain, spending at least 2 years there.	was beheaded in Rome in 65 AD

	Jude	Brother of Jesus, author of NT Book (letter) of Jude	Matt 13:55; Mk 6:3; Jude 1		
	James	Brother of Jesus, leader of the Jerusalem church, author of NT Books (letters) of 1 & 2 James			
	Lazarus	brother of Mary & Martha		fled to Cyprus in 60? AD and "became the spiritual leader" at the town of Citium "where he was bishop for thirty years.	he died and was buried at Citium.
	Joseph of Arimathea	member of Sanhedrin, provided tomb for Jesus		said to be the first missionary to Britain who brought others there including St. Simon	