

What Happened to the Apostles?

The New Testament tells of the fate of John the Baptist and only two of the apostles:

JOHN the Baptist – beheaded in Matthew 14

JUDAS, who betrayed Jesus went out and hanged himself **33AD**

JAMES the great, son of Zebedee, who was executed by Herod (Acts 12:2) about **44AD**

STEPHEN died in front of a Sanhedrin, his speech and stoning (Acts 6:8, 8:2) died **35AD**

PHILIP ministry in Carthage in North Africa and then in Asia Minor, where he converted the wife of a Roman proconsul. In retaliation the proconsul had Philip arrested & cruelly put to death. Tomb found in Heirapolis. **60AD**

MATTHEW the tax collector and writer of a Gospel, ministered in Persia and Ethiopia. Some of the oldest reports say he was not martyred, while others say he was stabbed to death in Ethiopia around **34AD**

JAMES the Just, first Bishop of Jerusalem, thrown off the roof of the Temple, stoned, and beaten with clubs as he prayed for his attackers, said to be same pinnacle Satan took Jesus up to. **62AD**

MATTHIAS was the apostle chosen to replace Judas. Tradition sends him to Ethiopia or Syria with Andrew and stoned to death there in Chochis or by burning. **63AD**

JOHN MARK a helpful minister (2Ti4:11), disciple of Peter (1Pe5:13). Cousin of Barnabas (Co4:10), formerly missionary deserter (AC15:38). Died a martyr's death in **64AD** - *as well Nero set fire to Rome this year.*

SIMON PETER was crucified, upside down at his request, since he did not feel he was worthy to die in the same manner as his Lord. Roman leader Clement records his trials and Eusebius records that he was crucified. None of that is attested to by any outside sources and it is all that we have. He died around **64-67AD**

THADDEUS (or **Judas**) not brother of Jesus, Church tradition holds that Thaddeus founded a church at Edessa and was crucified there as a martyr or was beaten to death with sticks around **65-70AD**.

PAUL martyred in Rome, during the persecution under Emperor Nero. Paul was beheaded about **66-67AD**

TITUS beheaded at Rome in **66AD**

SIMON THE ZEALOT ministered in Persia and was sawn in half after refusing to sacrifice to the sun god. **65-74AD**

BARTHOLOMEW (or **Nathanael**) had widespread missionary travels attributed to him by tradition: to India with Thomas, back to Armenia, and also to Ethiopia and Southern Arabia. There are various accounts of how he met his death as a martyr for the gospel. **68AD**

ANDREW went to the Ukraine and Soviet Union. He also preached in Asia Minor, modern-day Turkey, and in Greece, where he is said to have been crucified at Patrae in Achaia or Greece on an X-shaped cross. **60AD**.

JAMES the less, son of **Alpheus**, is one of at least three James referred to in the New Testament. There is some confusion as to which is which, but this James is reckoned to have ministered in Syria. The Jewish historian Josephus reported that he was stoned and then clubbed to death. **63AD**.

THOMAS was probably most active in the area east of Syria. Tradition has him preaching as far east as India, where the ancient Marthoma Christians revere him as their founder. They claim that he died there when pierced through with the spears of four or five soldiers. Mount St. Thomas close to Madras is associated with his name. **72AD**.

JOHN brother of James, is the only one of the company generally thought to have died a natural death from old age. He was exiled to the island of Patmos (after being boiled alive). Died of natural causes around **96-100AD**

#	Gospel of Matthew [Mt 10:1-4]	Gospel of Mark [Mk 3:13-19]	Gospel of Luke [Lk 6:12-16]
1	Simon, who is called Peter	Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter)	Simon, whom he named Peter
2	Andrew , his brother	Andrew	Andrew his brother
3	James the son of Zebedee	James the son of Zebedee	James
4	John , his brother	John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges)	John
5	Philip	Philip	Philip
6	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew
7	Matthew, the tax collector	Matthew/Levi	Matthew/Levi
8	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas
9	James the son of Alphaeus	James the son of Alphaeus	James the son of Alphaeus
10	Simon the Zealot	Simon the Zealot	Simon who was called the Zealot
11	Thaddaeus	Thaddaeus	Judas the son of James
12	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot

