

SACRIFICES made by the APOSTLES



For you and me to know about Jesus...

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A commitment to spread Gods word
worldwide..



As Christians we all know that Jesus willingly sacrificed Himself so that we are saved...

...but what if it ended there?

Jesus came to this earth for the salvation of all humanity due to His love for us. He endured humiliation, torture, Pain and ultimately crucifixion...a form of prolonged pain and agony that was the worst form of punishment meted out by the Romans. Instead of beheading a person as capital punishment ,the Romans adopted crucifixion for very serious offenders so that pain, agony and ultimately death was prolonged.

Jesus willingly became the sacrificial lamb to be crucified for sake of our salvation. He suffered an agonizing death on the cross so that we are saved from eternal damnation.

But what if when Jesus was crucified it all ended there...?

Jesus on many occasion predicted of His death. In order to carry His message of salvation Jesus chose *12 very ordinary people* to take His message to the world...

We know them as Apostles .

They set up the first Church and we instrumental in taking this message to the developed world that existed during that period.

This presentation is about these Apostles

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, **Simon called Peter** and **his brother Andrew**.

They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ **"COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL SEND YOU OUT TO FISH FOR PEOPLE."** ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, **James** son of Zebedee and his brother **John**. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4 : 18

¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw *Simon* and his brother *Andrew* casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw *James* son of Zebedee and his brother *John* in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1 :17

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said:
"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take
up his cross and follow me.

Mark 8 : 34

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the *name of Levi*
sitting at his tax booth. "*Follow me,*" Jesus said to him

Luke 5 : 27

Although He was the King of Kings Jesus did not promise them Riches...position or power. In fact He warned those who followed Him that it was a tough call to follow Him.

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. *"Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

Mark 10: 21

...and they did that

So that the message of Salvation
brought to us by Jesus was spread...

The Apostles made tremendous sacrifices while carrying out Gods will...

So that you I could be saved from an eternity of Damnation



Matthew

Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia
, killed by a sword wound.



Mark

Died in Alexandria , Egypt ,
after being **dragged by horses
through the streets until he
was dead.**



Luke

Was hanged in Greece
as a result of his
tremendous
preaching to the lost.



John

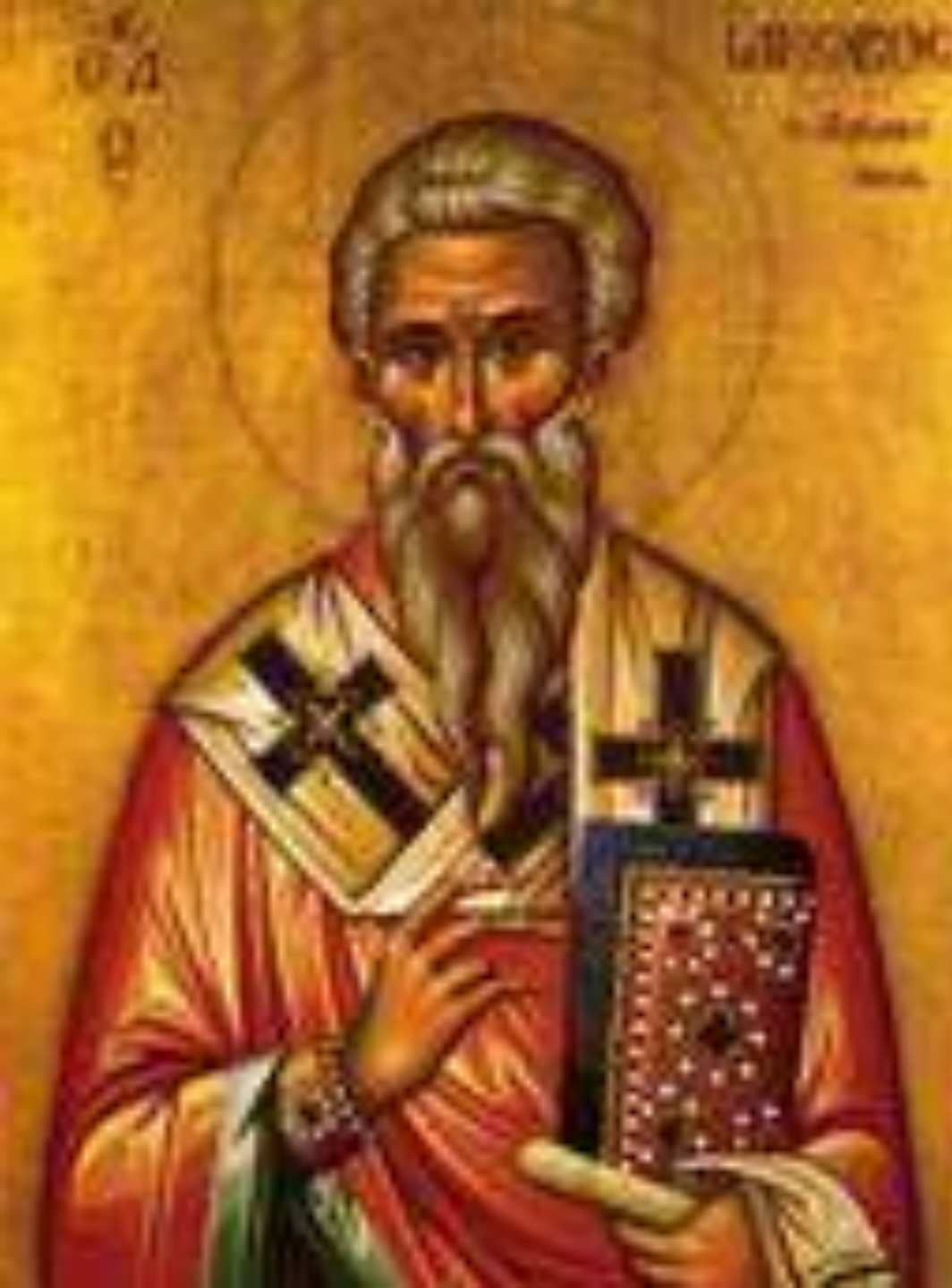
Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then **sentenced to the mines on the prison island of Patmos**. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos . The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. ***He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.***



Peter

He was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross.

According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.



James the Just

The leader of the church in Jerusalem, **was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club.**

* This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.



James the Great

Son of Zebedee, was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was ultimately **beheaded at Jerusalem**. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian



Bartholomew

Also known as Nathaniel, was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was **flayed to death by a whip.**



Andrew

Was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras , Greece. 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 have long desired and expected this happy hour.* The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it.' He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.



Thomas

Was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the sub-continent.



Jude

Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.



Matthias

The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, **was stoned and then beheaded.**



Paul

Was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings are minor compared to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles/disciples during their times for the sake of the Faith.

They suffered and died so that you and I would come to know about Jesus our Savior.

We must honor these sacrifices made by the Apostles

Food for thought...

DO WE SACRIFICE ANYTHING TO SPREAD GODS WORD...?

a very simple example:

If each member of a church congregation were to bring ONE new
member each year

THE CHURCH CAN GROW 100% EACH YEAR!

To do this we don't have to endure even a fraction of the pain and suffering the Apostles had to go through.

Jesus has given us a pre warning and an absolute assurance in Matthew 10 : 22

And ye shall be hated of all men
for my name's sake:

But he that endures to the end
shall be saved.

Matthew 10:22

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