

A Tale of Two Saints

The Feast of the Apostles (Martyrdom of St Peter and St Paul - 5th Abib – 12th July)





St Peter

- ◆ **Name:** Simon (son of Jonah), Cephas, Peter
- ◆ **City of Birth:** Bethsaida
- ◆ **Marital Status:** Married ([Matthew 8:14](#))
- ◆ **Siblings:** St. Andrew (Disciple)
- ◆ **Profession:** Fisherman (owned boat)
- ◆ **Education:** None
- ◆ **Relation to Jesus:** One of the 12 Disciples
- ◆ **Method of death:** Crucified up-side-down on a cross





St Peter

Personality and Character

- ◆ Impulsive, yet cowardly. ([Matthew 14:28-30](#); [26:69, 70](#))
- ◆ Hot tempered ([John 18:10](#)), yet tenderhearted. ([Matthew 26:75](#))
- ◆ Insightful ([Matthew 16:16](#)), yet ignorant. ([Matthew 16:21-23](#))
- ◆ Courageous and solid after Pentecost ([Acts 5:28-30](#)), yet was hypocritical. ([Galatians 2:11-13](#))



Apostle St. Peter
El Greco (1610-1614)



St Peter: *Significant Events*

- ♦ Jesus calling him to be fisher of men after miracle of Catching fish after long night ([Mathew 4:19](#); [Luke 5:11](#))
- ♦ Walking on water (and then rescued by Jesus)
- ♦ Witnessed the Transfiguration ([Mark 9:2-4](#)) and was with Jesus at Gethsemane ([Matthew 26:37-39](#))
- ♦ Impulsive actions
- ♦ Denied knowing Jesus 3 times ([Matthew 26:69, 70](#)) and was not only forgiven but commissioned to 'feed His sheep' ([John 21:17-19](#))
- ♦ After Pentecost, Peter becomes a bold preacher (preaching to hundreds at a time) and leader, who no longer feared death ([Acts 2:38](#); [3:6, 7](#))



St Paul

- ◆ **Name:** Saul, Paul
- ◆ **City of Birth:** Tarsus of Cilicia
- ◆ **Marital Status:** Celibate Virgin
- ◆ **Profession:** Pharisee with Rabbanic Training, Later a tent-maker
- ◆ **Education:** University of Tarsus, Gamaliel
- ◆ **Relation to Jesus:** Never knew Jesus, Later an Apostle
- ◆ **Method of death:** Beheaded





St Paul

Personality and Character

- ♦ Strategic – chose large cities as centres
- ♦ Made use of fellow-workers
- ♦ Focused without compromise
- ♦ Communicator – maintained contact with all churches
- ♦ Well-spoken and bold – stood before governors, kings and the Council of the Sanhedrim



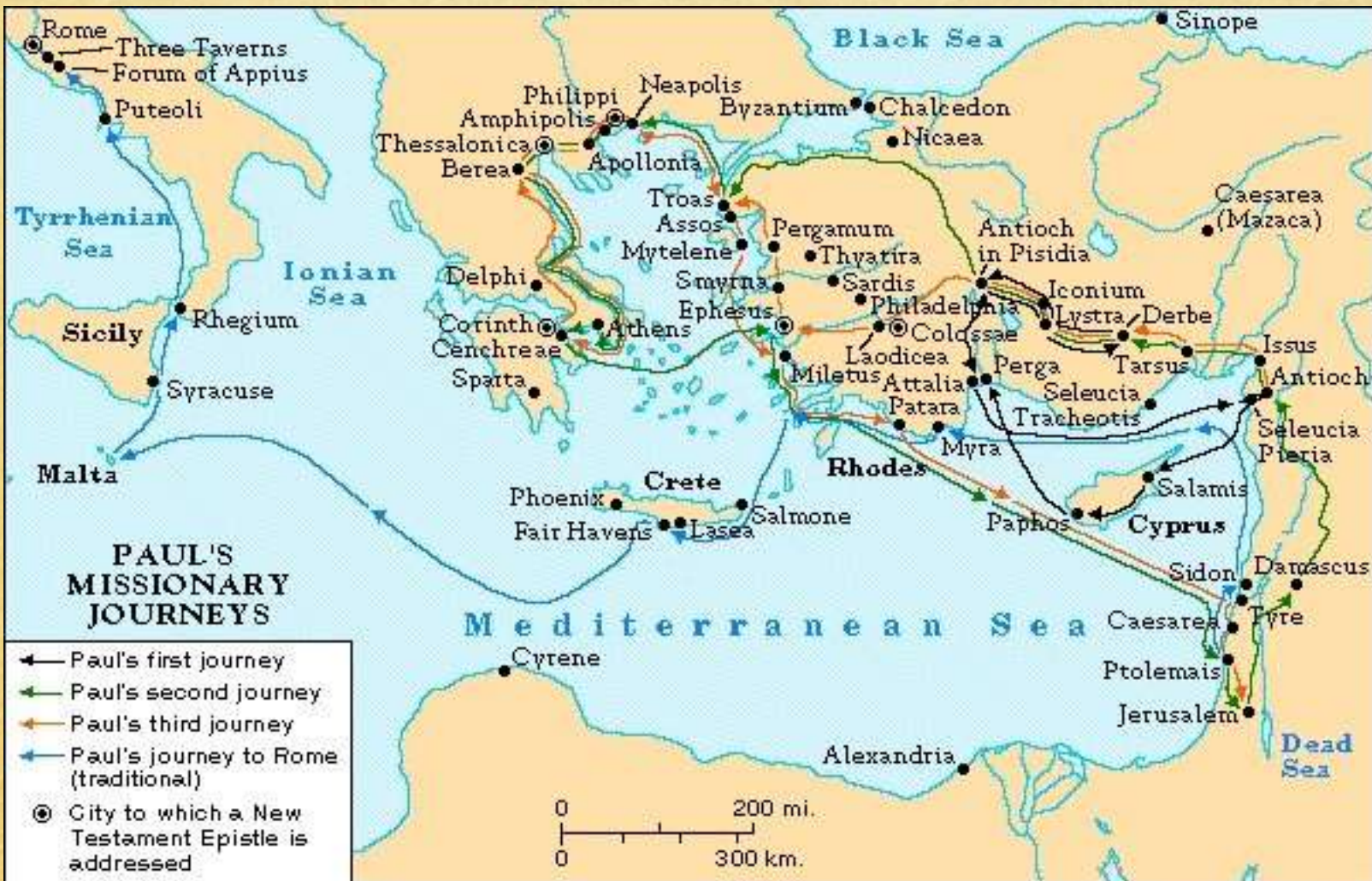


St Paul: *Significant Events*

- ◆ St Paul meeting St Stephen and witnessing his martyrdom
- ◆ St Paul's conversion on his way to Damascus
- ◆ Being imprisoned many times (Philippi, Cesarea, and twice in Rome.)
- ◆ He served in three missionary voyages, in Asia, Europe, till he arrived west to Spain where he founded its church. He served in many islands: in Cyprus, Crete, Malta, Sicilia, and he founded their churches.



St Paul: Missionary Journeys



Differences



St Peter

- ◆ Chosen to work with Him
- ◆ Born in Bethsaide, lived in Capernaum
- ◆ Married
- ◆ Began with love, confidence and faith
- ◆ A simple uneducated fisherman
- ◆ Impulsive



St Paul

- ◆ Not among the disciples or apostles
- ◆ Born in Tarsus of Cilicia and went to Jerusalem
- ◆ Celibate Virgin
- ◆ Began with enmity as persecutor of the Church
- ◆ Well-read, Highly educated, and disciple of Gamaliel
- ◆ Enthusiastic

Differences (part 2 – their mission)



St Peter

- ◆ Began his mission in old age
- ◆ Had few disciples (Mark)
- ◆ Evangelized to Jews
- ◆ Wrote 2 Epistles (8 Chapters) to Jews (in dispersion)
- ◆ Simple in his writing



St Paul

- ◆ Began his mission as a young man
- ◆ Had many disciples (Timothy, Titus, Luke ... etc)
- ◆ Evangelized to Gentiles
- ◆ Wrote 14 Epistles (100 Chapters) to the Romans and churches of the Gentiles
- ◆ Wrote about complex theology and Christian philosophy

Similarities

- ◆ Both were Jews
- ◆ Both were called by the Lord
- ◆ The Lord changed the name of each of them
- ◆ The Holy Spirit came upon each of them, and each of them spoke with tongues
- ◆ Each of them had power to give the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Each of them performed wonders and miracles
- ◆ Each of them raised up a dead



Similarities (part 2)

- ◆ Each of them was a flame of energy, holy zeal and missionary work
 - ◆ Each of them preached and taught, and made efforts in the ministry
- ◆ Each of them was bold and courageous in his evangelical mission
- ◆ Each of the two saints was firm in his punishment of the sinners.
- ◆ In spite of all this, the two saint-apostles were humble.
- ◆ Each of them was exposed to many persecutions
- ◆ Each of them obtained the crown of martyrdom (during the same era)



Conclusion

- ◆ God uses everyone for His glory and work
 - ◆ Background (Social, Educational etc)
 - ◆ Characteristics and Personalities
- ◆ God forgives all sins, strengthen the faith of those of who love Him and still use them for His work
- ◆ God demands whole-heartedness in love and service
- ◆ Jesus said that whoever wants to become great among his disciples must be a servant, just as Jesus himself did not come to be served, but to serve, and “to give his life a ransom for many.” ([Matthew 20:26-28](#))



Glory be to God
forever



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John 1:42-44

⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

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Matthew 8:5-7, 14

⁵ When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.

⁶ “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering.”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “I will go and heal him.”

¹⁴ When Jesus came into Peter’s house, he saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever.

Matthew 4:18-20

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 make you fishers of men.”

²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

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Luke 5:8-11

⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,

¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."

¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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Matthew 4:21, 22

²¹Going 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,

²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Galatians 2:8, 9

⁸For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles.

⁹ James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews.

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Acts 2:38; 3:6, 7

2:38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

3:6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

3:7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.

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Acts 12:4, 7

⁴After arresting him, he [Herod] put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each.

⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. “Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists.

Matthew 14:28-30

²⁸“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

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Matthew 26:69, 70

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

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John 18:10

¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

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Matthew 26:74, 75

⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!” Immediately a rooster crowed.

⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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Matthew 16:16-19a

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.”

¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

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Matthew 16:21-23

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

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Acts 5:28-30

²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men!

³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.”

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Mark 5:37; 9:2; 13:3; 14:33

^{5:37} He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James.

^{9:2} After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone.

^{13:3} As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately...

^{14:33} He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

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Mark 9:2-4

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

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Luke 22:8, 31-34

⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

³¹“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.

³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

³³But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

³⁴Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

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Matthew 26:37-39

³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

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John 21:17-19

¹⁷The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

¹⁸Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”

¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

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Matthew 27:56

⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Mark 16:1

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

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Acts 12:1, 2

¹It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them.

²He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.

Luke 9:52-56

⁵²As he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him;

⁵³but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

⁵⁴When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?”

⁵⁵But Jesus turned and rebuked them,

⁵⁶and they went to another village.

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Mark 10:35-37

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

Mark 10:38-40

³⁸“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

³⁹“We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,

⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

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Mark 3:17

¹⁷James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder.

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John 21:2-4

²Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

³“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

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Acts 3:1; 4:13; 8:25

3:1 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer at three in the afternoon.

4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

8:25 When they had testified and proclaimed the word of the Lord, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

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Revelation 1:1, 9

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

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Mark 9:38-41

³⁸“Teacher,” said John, “we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me,

⁴⁰for whoever is not against us is for us.

⁴¹I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.”

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1 John 4:7-10

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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John 13:21-25

²¹After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me.”

²²His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant.

²³One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him.

²⁴Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.”

²⁵Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

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John 19:25-27

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son,"

²⁷and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

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John 20:3-6, 8

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there.

⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and belie

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Revelation 4:6, 7

⁶Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.

⁷The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.

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Mark 1:29-31

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.

³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her.

³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

John 1:35-37, 40

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

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John 1:40-42

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

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Matthew 10:2-4

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

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Mark 3:16-19

¹⁶These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter),

¹⁷James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder,

¹⁸Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot,

¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

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Luke 6:13-16

¹³When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

¹⁴Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,

¹⁵Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot,

¹⁶Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

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Acts 1:13

¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

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Matthew 10:5-8

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.

⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

⁷As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’

⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.”

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John 12:20-22

²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast.

²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.”

²²Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

John 6:7-9

⁷Philip answered him, “Eight months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up,

⁹“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

John 20:19, 20

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Matthew 28:16-19

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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Acts 1:8, 9

⁸“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

John 1:43-46

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

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John 1:47-51

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false.”

⁴⁸“How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

⁵⁰Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that.”

⁵¹He then added, “I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

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John 12:20, 21

²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast.

²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.”

John 6:5-7

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”

⁶He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, “Eight months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

John 14:6-9

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

⁷If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time?

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father

How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

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Matthew 26:18-20

¹⁸He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house’.”

¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

Mark 2:1, 13, 14

¹A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

¹³Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them.

¹⁴As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

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Matthew 9:9, 10

⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples.

John 20:24-26

²⁴Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

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John 20:27-29

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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John 14:5-7

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

⁷If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

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John 11:12-16

¹²His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.”

¹³Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead,
¹⁵and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

¹⁶Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

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John 14:21-23

²¹“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

²²Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

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John 12:4-6

⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,
⁵“Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.”

⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

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John 13:27-29

²⁷As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. “What you are about to do, do quickly,” Jesus told him,

²⁸but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him.

²⁹Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor

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Matthew 27:3-5

³When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders.

⁴“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.” “What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

⁵So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

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Matthew 27:6-10

⁶The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.”

⁷So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners.

⁸That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

⁹Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel,

¹⁰and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

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Acts 1:18-20

¹⁸(With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.

¹⁹Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰“For,” said Peter, “it is written in the book of Psalms, “ ‘May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and, “ ‘May another take his place of leadership’ .”

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Acts 1:23-26

²³ So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen

²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.”

²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

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Matthew 26:14-16

¹⁴Then one of the Twelve the one called Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests

¹⁵and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.

¹⁶From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

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Matthew 26:23-25

²³ Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.

²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “Yes, it is you.”

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Matthew 26:47-50

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

⁴⁸Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.”

⁴⁹Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.” Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

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John 6:70, 71

⁷⁰Then Jesus replied, “Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!”

⁷⁰(He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

Matthew 27:3-5

³When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders.

⁴“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.” “What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

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John 13:1, 2

¹It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

²The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.

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Galatians 2:11-13 [Written by Paul]

¹¹When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong.

¹²Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group.

¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

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John 1:42-44

⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

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Zechariah 11:12, 13

¹²I told them, “If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.” So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

¹³And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the handsome price at which they priced me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD to the potter.

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John 17:23

²³I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Galatians 3:8

⁸The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”

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1 Corinthians 9:3-6

³This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me.

⁴Don't we have the right to food and drink?

⁵Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas?

⁶Or is it only I and Barnabas who must work for a living?

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John 3:16

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 4:11

¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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Mark 8:34, 35

³⁴ 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.

³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

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John 17:23

²³I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Hebrews 10:25

²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Matthew 20:26-28

²⁶“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave

²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Matthew 26:56

⁵⁶But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

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Mark 14:71, 72

⁷¹He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

⁷²Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

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