

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE APOSTLES

After the death of Christ, Christians all over the Roman Empire were persecuted, and many died for their faith. Such was the hatred of Christians at that time, that it is believed that Martyrdom was the fate of all the original Apostles except for John.

The following is a list of how they are believed to have died.

HOW THE APOSTLES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED

1. **ANDREW** – Crucified on an X shaped cross in Greece in 60AD.
2. **BARTHOLOMEW** – Beaten severely E-flayed alive, then crucified upside down in Armenia.
3. **JAMES, son of Alphaeus** – Thrown from the temple roof in Jerusalem in 62 AD, beaten with clubs and stoned to death.
4. **JAMES, son of Zebedee** – Beheaded in Jerusalem by the order of King Herod for not renouncing his Christianity.
5. **JOHN** – Marooned for his faith on the Greek isle of Patmos; Died of old age in AD 101.
6. **JUDAS (not Iscariot)** – Stoned to death around AD 99 for not denying his Christianity.
7. **MATTHEW** – Speared to death in the city of Nadabah in AD 60.
8. **PETER** –Crucified upside down in Rome in AD 64.
9. **PHILIP** – Crucified in Phrygia in AD 54.
10. **SIMON the Zealot** – Crucified in Britain in AD 74.
11. **THOMAS** – Speared to death in India in AD 72.
12. **MATTHIAS** – Stoned to death and beheaded in Jerusalem in AD 73.

ST. PAUL, also known as Saul of Tarsus, was very effective at converting foreigners to Christianity. The letters he wrote about the

relationship between God, Jesus, and mankind still influence people today.

He was born in 4 BC and died between 62–64 AD in Rome, and although he was not an Apostle, he was responsible for converting many foreigners (Non-Jews) to Christianity.

The ordinary Christians at that time were persecuted, imprisoned and some martyred. St. Paul was eventually caught and imprisoned in Rome, and it is believed he was beheaded as part of Emperor Nero's war against the Christians.

These terrible deaths are all examples of the absolute faith that all the Apostles and many of the early Christians had in Our Lord Jesus Christ. They recognised that eternal life in heaven was for them when they died, especially if they died as martyrs, showing their faith in Christ as the Son of God.