

Profile in Suffering #3: 12 Apostles Pay the Ultimate Price with Joy

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My mission is to convince you biblically and from the lives of believers that suffering is not an accidental or incidental happening in an otherwise happy life; NO, suffering is actually a pre-ordained and redeemed path on this faith journey on planet earth.

Acts 5:40-41

And when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

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Apostle	Where Died	When Died	Manner of Death
Peter (Simon Peter), Bible writer	Rome, Italy (Nero)	64-67 AD	Homicide: crucified head down, at his own request
Andrew, son of Apostle John & brother of Peter (Matthew 4:18)	Edessa, Petras region of Greece	?AD	Homicide: severely scourged & tied by ropes on x-shaped cross where he hung two days to expire & this gave rise to the St. Andrews cross on the national flag of Scotland
James, son of Zebedee & Salome and elder brother of John (not brother of Jesus) the Bible writer	Jerusalem, Israel (Herod Agrippa, grandson of Herod the Great)	44 AD (the 1st martyred)	Homicide: beheaded with sword; Mark 10:39 & Acts 12:1-2

John, son of Zebedee and brother of James; Bible writer (John & Revelation)	Ephesus, Turkey	98-100 AD (the last to die)	thrown in boiling oil but unharmd; died of Natural causes (the only apostle not martyred) & buried near Ephesus about 100 AD
Philip of Bethsaida	Hieropolis, Syria		Homicide: crucified or hung upside down by hooks through his ankles
Bartholomew (Nathaniel)	India or Armenia		Homicide: beaten/flayed (skinned alive), and crucified head down or beheaded
Thomas (Didymus)	Edessa, Greece or Madras, India		Homicide: lanced by idolatrous priests & burned up in an oven
Matthew (Levi), a customs house official (tax collector) of Capernaum; the Bible writer	Nadabah, Ethiopia	about 60 AD	Homicide: axed to death with a halberd
James the Just (son of Alphaeus); Bible writer (?half brother of Jesus?); leader of The Way in Jerusalem after Jesus' death	Jerusalem, Israel	AD 66	High priest sentencing: on trumped up charges of violating Jewish law; thrown down from the Temple tower & not dead so clubbed to death with a fullers' club; immediately buried in a trench grave with stone marker (so there would not be an ossuary)
Jude (Thaddaeus...Judas Lebbaeus)	Edessa, Greece	AD 72	Homicide: crucified
Simon the Zealot (the Canaanite)	Brittainnia, Europe or Persia		Homicide: crucified or sawed in half

Judas Iscariot (the only apostle not from Galilee; he was from Carioth in Moab east of the Dead Sea) [Jeremiah 48:24-26]	Jerusalem, Israel		Suicide: by hanging Matthew 27:5
Matthias (the 11 remaining Apostles chose him to replace Judas)	Jerusalem, Israel		Homicide: stoned and beheaded
Paul (chosen by the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus)	Rome, Italy	66 AD	Homicide: beheaded