

MARTYRDOM OF THE APOSTLES

Many are willing to live a lie but who is willing to die for one? Some of the greatest testimonies to Jesus Christ's resurrection and His claim to be the Son of God are the various martyrdoms of His disciples. All but John the Revelator died in a way that could have been avoided if they would recant these truths. Instead, these disciples chose to face death, and in some cases, call for an even terrible death.

PETER



Told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

CRUCIFIED UPSIDE DOWN

ANDREW



After being whipped severely by seven soldiers, they tied his body to an x-shaped cross to prolong his agony.

CRUCIFIED ON X CROSS

JAMES

(SON OF ZEBEDEE)



First Apostle to die (Book of Acts 12:1-2). Executed by the sword at Herod's command.

BEHEADED

JOHN



The only apostle to die peacefully. Wrote the Book of Revelation on Patmos after being exiled there.

NATURAL DEATH IN EXILE

BARTHOLOMEW



Martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip and later beheaded.

FLAYED & BEHEADED

PHILLIP



While in Phrygia (modern-day Turkey) he was crucified upside down.

CRUCIFIED UPSIDE DOWN

THOMAS



Stabbed with spears in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church there.

THRUST WITH SPEAR

JAMES

(SON OF ALPHEUS)



Thrown off the Temple. When discovered that he survived the fall, they stoned and clubbed him to death.

STONED & CLUBBED

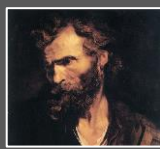
MATTHEW



Suffered martyrdom by being slain with a halberd in the city of Nadabah.

STABBED TO DEATH

THADDEUS



Also known as Jude. He was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

FILLED WITH ARROWS

SIMON



Also known as Simon the Zealot, he was killed after refusing to sacrifice to the sun god.

CRUCIFIED

MATTHIAS



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

STONED & BEHEADED

PAUL



Lengthy imprisonment during ministry. Responsible for many New Testament writings. Beheaded by Nero.

BEHEADED

Revelation 12:11 (NIV) - *They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*