

THE JESUS DILEMMA, Part 5

A Soldier's Dilemma

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1. Threatened not to preach, they preached anyway. Acts 4:13-19, 5:17-28

2. Beaten and jailed, they praised God. Acts 16:16-25

3. Martyred for their faith, they saw God. Acts 7:54-60

Matthew suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, died from a sword wound.

Mark died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets.

Luke was hanged by idolatrous priests from an olive tree in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.

John faced martyrdom when he was boiled in a huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death.

Peter was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ was crucified.

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 him to death with a fuller's club.

James, the Greater, a son of Zebedee, was beheaded.

Bartholomew, also know as Nathanael, was martyred for his preaching in Armenia when 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.

Thomas was stabbed with a spear (lance) in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the subcontinent.

Jude, the brother of Jesus, 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.

Barnabas, one of the group of seventy disciples, was stoned to death at Salonica.

Paul was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero in Rome in A.D. 67.



Read the Bible in a year.

Don't forget to Read, Reflect and Respond.

MON - 1 Chronicles 19-21; John 8

FRI - 2 Chronicles 1-3; John 10

TUES - 1 Chronicles 22-24

SAT - 2 Chronicles 4-6

WED - 1 Chronicles 25-27

SUN - 2 Chronicles 7-9

THU - 1 Chronicles 28-29; John 9