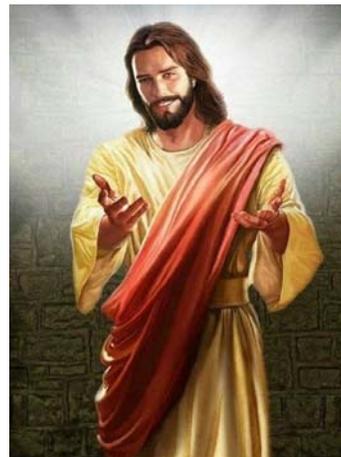
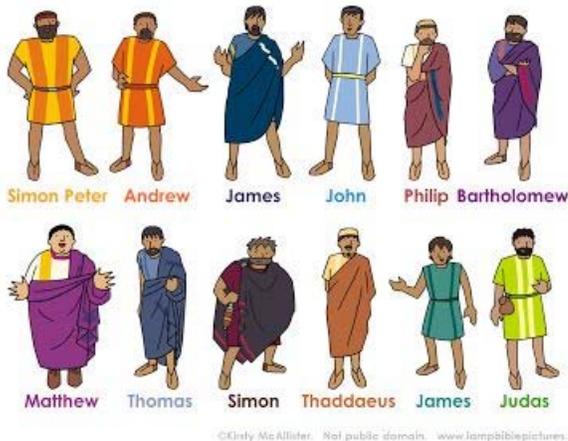


Faith Formation: **Being Called By The Lord**



# THE 12 APOSTLES OF JESUS

<p><b>Simon</b> (Jesus re-named <b>Peter, The Rock</b>) Given the “Keys of The Kingdom” by Jesus, he led early church followers and eventually travelled to Rome to preach The Good News. Peter was martyred about the year 66 AD, during the Christian persecution under Emperor Nero. Peter was crucified, upside down at his request, since he did not feel he was worthy to die in the same manner as his Lord.</p>	<p><b>Matthew (the tax collector)</b> was the writer of a Gospel chapter. He ministered in Persia and Ethiopia. Some of the oldest reports say he was not martyred, while others say he was stabbed to death in Ethiopia.</p>
<p><b>Andrew</b> (brother of Peter) went to the "land of the man-eaters," to be the first to bring the Gospel to Russia. He also preached in Asia Minor, modern-day Turkey, and in Greece, where he is said to have been crucified.</p>	<p><b>Thomas</b> (the one who first doubted the Resurrection of Jesus) was most active in the area east of Syria. Tradition has him also preaching in India, where the ancient Marthoma Christians revere him as their founder. Thomas died there when pierced by the spears of four soldiers.</p>
<p><b>James</b>, (son of Zebedee), was the eldest brother of apostle John. This James, his brother John, Peter and Andrew were all partners in a fishing business prior to being called by Jesus. James, thought to be a cousin of Jesus, was the first apostle to suffer martyrdom. He was beheaded in Jerusalem at the feast of Easter in 44 AD by King Herod Agrippa.</p>	<p><b>James</b>, son of Alpheus, is one of at least three James referred to in the New Testament. He took The Word of God to Syria. James was stoned and then clubbed to death.</p>
<p><b>John</b>, (‘the one Jesus loved’) took care of Mary, the mother of Jesus, after The Crucifixion. John led the church in Ephesus. During the Domitian's persecutions, he was exiled to the Greek island of Patmos. John wrote New Testament chapters and The Revelation. John escaped unhurt after being cast into boiling oil. He died of old age.</p>	<p><b>Simon (‘The Zealot’)</b> travelled to North Africa, then onto Spain and Great Britain. He also ministered in Persia, and was martyred after refusing to sacrifice to a sun god. Some believe Simon was sawed in two, while Church tradition says Simon was crucified by the Romans in Lincolnshire, Britain, and was subsequently buried there on May 10th in the year 61 AD.</p>
<p><b>Philip</b> had a powerful ministry in Carthage, North Africa and Asia Minor, where he converted the wife of a Roman proconsul who had Philip arrested and cruelly put to death.</p>	<p><b>Jude</b> (also called <b>Thaddeus, and Judas</b>) was one of the first apostles to leave Jerusalem to preach in Syria and northern Persia. Martyred and buried near the Caspian Sea, about 40 miles from Tabriz, Iran.</p>
<p><b>Bartholomew</b> missionary travels took him to India, Armenia, Ethiopia and Southern Arabia. There are various accounts of how he met his death as a martyr for the gospel.</p>	<p><b>Judas Iscariot</b>, (The Betrayer of Jesus) was paid 30 pieces of silver to hand over Christ. Judas hung himself on a tree during The Crucifixion. <b>Matthias</b> was elected to replace him after Judas' suicide.</p>

