

The Lives of the Apostles Part 2

Peter

Lessons

- Luke 22:54-62
- John 21:15-19

After the Bible

- Acts 12:17
- Eusebius and church tradition have Peter spending 7 years establishing and leading the church in Antioch
- Peter went on to spend time in Babylon (1 Peter 5:12-14 and church tradition)
- Eventually Peter would make his way to Corinth and Rome
- Eusebius cites the testimony of Clement, who says that before Peter was crucified he was forced to watch the crucifixion of his own wife. As he watched her being led to her death, Clement says, Peter called to her by name, saying, "Remember the Lord."

Death

- According to Hegesippus (110-180AD) Peter was crucified in Rome under Emperor Nero, 64AD
- Peter was crucified upside down because he did not consider himself worthy of being crucified the same way as Jesus

Andrew

Lessons

- John 1:35-41
- John 6:8-9
- John 12:20-22

After the Bible

- Andrew would take the Gospel north as a missionary
- Tradition holds that Andrew went to Scythia around the Black Sea (Russia)

Death

- AD 69 in Patras, Greece

- The Roman governor ordered his execution after his wife converted to Christianity and refused to abandon the faith
- Crucified on an X shaped cross; to this day this is referred to as St. Andrew's Cross. Tradition says that it took two days for him to die on the cross and Andrew spent his time on the cross preaching the gospel to passerby

James

Lessons

- Luke 9:51-54
- Matthew 20:20-24
- Mark 9:33-37

Death

- Acts 12:1-3
- James is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament
- James is beheaded by Herod Agrippa the First, 44AD
- According to Clement of Alexandria (150-215AD) the man leading James to his execution was so moved by his witness that he asked for forgiveness, became a Christian, and was executed alongside the Apostle James

John

Lessons

- Mark 9:38
- Luke 22:24-27
- John 1:14
- John 20:30-31

After the Bible

- John cared for Mary until her death (there is debate about whether she died in Jerusalem or Ephesus)
- John was exiled to the penal colony island of Patmos under Emperor Domitian. After Domitian died, John was released and returned to Ephesus
- John would go on to pastor the church in Ephesus

- Another tradition concerning John is also handed down by Jerome. It says that when John was evidently an old man in Ephesus he had to be carried to the church in the arms of his disciples. At these meetings he was accustomed to say no more than, "Little children, love one another!" After a time the disciples wearied at always hearing the same words and they asked, "Master, why do you always say this?" "It is the Lord's command," was his reply. "And if this alone be done, it is enough!" // McBirnie

Death

- According to Clement of Alexandria (150-215AD) and Irenaeus (130-202AD) John died of old age in Ephesus during the reign of either Emperor Nerva (96-98AD) or Emperor Trajan (98-117AD)