

The Lives of the Apostles Part 4

Philip

Lessons

- John 1:43-46
- John 6:5-7
- John 12:20-22
- John 14:8-9

After the Bible

- Some tradition holds that Philip reached the Gauls (modern day France). Philip went to Hierapolis in western Turkey (it is near Laodicea and Colossae).

Death

- Philip was crucified because his ministry disrupted the religious based economy of the city.

Nathanael/Bartholomew

Lessons

- John 1:43-51

After the Bible

- His ministry focused primarily in Armenia with the apostle Jude.

Death

- The pagan priests convinced the king's brother to have Bartholomew killed to protect their power because he was performing too many miracles. He was flayed and then crucified.

Matthew

Lessons

- Luke 5:27-32

After the Bible

- Wrote the Gospel according to Matthew. Missionary to Ethiopia in Africa. It is also possible he went to Asiatic Ethiopia (Persia region).

Death

- We do not know for certain how Matthew died. There are two traditions regarding his martyrdom: beheaded or burned at the stake.

Thomas

Lessons

- John 11:5-16
- John 14:5
- John 20:24-31

After the Bible

- Thomas started the first Christian church in Babylon. Thomas would go on to travel as a missionary to India establishing churches along the way. Potentially carried with him a copy of the Gospel of Matthew.

Death

- Martyred by being impaled on a spear. Tradition holds that he is buried in Chennai (Madras) India.