

All of the apostles were insulted by the enemies of their Master. They were called to seal their doctrines with their blood, and nobly did they bear the trial. Schumacher says according to traditional statements the following was the fate of the apostles:

Matthew suffered martyrdom by being slain with a sword, at a distant city of Ethiopia.

Mark expired at Alexandria, after having been cruelly dragged through the streets of that city.

Luke was hanged upon an olive tree in Greece.

John was put in a cauldron of boiling oil, but escaped death in a miraculous manner, and was afterward exiled to Patmos.

Peter was crucified at Rome, with his head downward.

James the Less was thrown from a lofty pinnacle of the Temple, and then beaten to death with a fuller's club.

Bartholomew was flayed alive.

Andrew was bound to a cross, whence he preached to his persecutors until he died.

Thomas was run through the body with a lance at Coromandel in the East Indies.

Jude was shot to death with arrows.

Matthias was first stoned and then beheaded.

Barnabas of the Gentiles was stoned to death by the Jews at Salonica.

Paul, after various tortures and persecutions, was at length beheaded at Rome by the Emperor Nero.

They lived and died the great promise of Rev. 2:10; "Be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life."

See you Sunday!

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