

The Twelve Apostles

Thomas

Listed Among the Twelve

“Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; the first Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; *Thomas*, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus; and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddeus; Simon the Canaanite; and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.” Matthew 10:2

Mark 3:14

Luke 6:14 – 16

He May Have Been a Twin

Thomas (Hebrew) – a twin

Didymus (Greek) – a twin

Eusebius (early church historian) says that his name was Judah

His Devotion to Jesus

“Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him; for they feared lest the Jews should take Jesus and put him to death, for as yet they did not understand the power of God.” John 11:16

See Luke 14:26 and John 12:25

How Can We Know the Way?

“Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?” John 14:5

See Matthew 7:22, 23

The Demand and the Confession of Jesus

“But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them; then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God!**”

20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” John 20:24 – 29

See 3 Nephi 5:14 -16 and Matthew 5:3

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In the Upper Room

Acts 1:13 – 26

Pentecost

Acts 2:1 – 6

Mission and Death

Numerous sources and traditions say that Thomas ministered in India.

Killed by the Hindu priest of Kali in the city of Mylapore near modern day Chennai (coastal region of eastern India).