

The Holy Apostle Thomas

Matthew 10:3- Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

(KJV)

The Holy Apostle Thomas was chosen by Jesus Christ to be among the Twelve. Being selected by Jesus Christ was a lasting honor for the Holy Apostle Thomas. Thomas' life changed forever and he went on to change countless lives forever. The number of lives changed by the Apostle Thomas are known only to God. Lives continue to change due the witness of Apostle Thomas in each generation. The life of Apostle Thomas is known in the Church and proclaimed in the Church. Seekers and followers of the Lord benefit immeasurably by Holy Apostle Thomas. The Holy Apostle Thomas personally witnessed the Resurrected Jesus Christ.

John 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 (KJV)

Christ's Resurrections was confirmed when Thomas saw and could touch Jesus. The Gospel serves as the definitive record of Thomas meeting the Risen Jesus. Through the centuries in each generation the Church has proclaimed the Gospel. The Church wants everyone in every generation to know of the Risen Christ. Apostle Thomas' experience with the Risen Christ stands out in St. John's Gospel. Thomas's experience with the Risen Jesus Christ is unique, firm and convincing. The Holy Apostles' lives changed when Jesus Christ Resurrected and Ascended. The Holy Apostles continue together to change the world until the Second Coming.

Acts 1:13- And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. (KJV)

Bishops serve as successors of the Holy Apostles and ordain priests and deacons. Bishops, priests, deacons and monastics serve the Church in all parts of the world. Believers gather in God's Church today to learn from the lives of the Apostles. Churches around the world trace their history to the work of the Holy Apostles. Believers embrace the lives and teachings of the Apostles and pray to them. Individual Apostles have become patron saints of believers and their families. Churches, organizations, communities and individuals are named after Apostles. Apostle Thomas and those with him faithful to Christ are alive in believers' hearts.

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