

Saint Study Podcast

Podcast # 106

- **Hello everyone and welcome to Saint Study Episode #106 – “St. Simon The Apostle”**
 - *Thank you for joining us – maybe we can all learn enough today that by the end of the program we will say, “I didn’t know that” (But now I do!)*
 - *What is a saint? A Canonized Saint is someone recognized by the Church as having led a life of great charity & heroic virtue. Their example of how to conquer any sin imaginable is so important that it was worth recognizing these men & women in a significant way. Anyone (canonized or not) whose soul was cleansed in Purgatory and now resides in Heaven is a Saint.*
- We always begin our learning by inviting the Holy Spirit to be with us...
 - *In the Name Of The Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Amen.*
 - *Dear Heavenly Father we ask you to be with us as we hear about the lives of your Saints. We ask that our minds be open and that you may fill us with the knowledge that was so loved by the men and women who lived lives of heroic virtue and great charity. Allow us to understand and emulate these Saints who we now know are in your company. In your name we pray, Amen.*
- **Let’s look at The Saint for this weeks study St. Simon The Apostle ...**
 - Saints Birth, Life, Death, Feast Day,
 - Early life unknown
 - Known as Simon the Zealot (because of his intense zeal for God and Jewish law)
 - To distinguish him from St. Peter he is called Kananaios, or Kananites, and Zelotes (Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13).
 - His name is listed when all the apostles are listed together (Matthew 10:4; Mark 3:18)
 - Was trained by St. Peter
 - Evangelized in Egypt & Mesopotamia but tradition tells us he likely taught in more.
 - Martyr for the Faith
 - The Abyssinians relate that he suffered crucifixion as the Bishop of Jerusalem, after he had preached the Gospel in Samaria.
 - His usual attribute is the saw, since his body was said to have been sawed to pieces.
 - Some of St. Simon’s relics are in Rome.
 - They are venerated under the Altar of the Crucifixion in the Vatican.
 - The Western Church keeps his feast on October 28 along with St. Thaddeus (Jude) who was closely related with St. Simon.

- Patronage
 - **is the patron saint for**
 - Curriers – Sawman – Sawyers - Tanners
- Conclusions – Interesting notes about their life or sainthood
 - St. Simon must have been an effective evangelist.
 - He irritated the local officials enough that they sawed his body up.
 - Likely the reason his relics are spread out and his burial place unknown
 - Given the Apostles we have discussed so far, it appears God is showing us that we can work together through Him and overcome unthinkable differences for a common goal.
 - I.E. Peter & Andrew – Fisherman
 - Matthew the Tax Collector (Enemy of the Jews)
 - Simon the Zealot
 - Is there a pattern? Lets find out as we continue to discover the Wisdom of Saints.
- Preview of next episode
 - Episode #107 – St. Thaddeus The Apostle (AKA St. Jude)
- References, Plugs & Web Sites
 - **New American (Catholic) Bible**
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1 Peter 3:15 - 16

...Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.

Hebrews 5: 13, 14

Everyone who lives on milk lacks experience of the word of righteousness, for he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties are trained by practice to discern good and evil.

This is what we are doing by exploring our Catholic Faith as deep as we can!

**May The Peace of our Lord
Be always with you...Have a good day!**