

Saint Study Podcast

Podcast # 107

- **Hello everyone and welcome to Saint Study Episode #107 – “St. Jude Thaddeus 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. It is every Christian’s goal to become 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. Jude Thaddeus**
- Saints Birth, Life-Bio, Death, Feast Day,
 - Like most Pre-congregation saints, little of anything is known about their childhood and upbringing.
 - We know he was the son of Cleophas.
 - Was also the brother of St. James the Lesser
 - Nephew of St. Mary & St. Joseph, Parents of Jesus. (Blood relative of Christ)
 - It is unknown when or how Jude Thaddeus became an apostle
 - Surname Thaddeus used frequently to clarify that he was not the former apostle Judas Iscariot.
 - Being such a close relative of Jesus, It was said that St. Jude Thaddeus closely resemble Christ in his physical appearance.
 - Famously asked Jesus at the Last Supper, why he did not manifest himself to the world?
 - Jesus told him, “the world is unqualified for divine manifestations, being a stranger and an enemy to what must fit souls for a fellowship with heaven; but that he would honor those who truly love him with his familiar converse, and would admit them to intimate communications of grace and favor.

- .After Pentecost, St. Jude Thaddeus went out to preach the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaa, Syria & Mesopotamia.
- In the year 62, St. Jude Thaddeus returned to Jerusalem after the martyrdom of his brother, St. James the Lesser.
- That same year he assisted his good friend, St. Simon to become the Bishop of Jerusalem.
- St. Jude was good friend of St. Simon the Apostle. So much so that the two men are venerated on the same day.
- St. Jude wrote Epistles to the areas he previously converted as heresies were taking place. St. Jude warned them of the errors of the Simonians and the Gnostics.
 - FYI – (Newadvent.org) (C.C.C. 2121) The Simonians were followers of Simon Magus. He was someone who tried to buy the blessings of God from St. Peter. St. Peter excommunicated Simon Magus from the church. (A sin called Simony) *The Simonians used magic and theurgy, incantations, and love-potions; they declared idolatry a matter of indifference that was neither good nor bad, proclaimed fornication to be perfect love, and led very disorderly, immoral lives.*
 - *Gnosticism - (Newadvent.org) (C.C.C. 285) The doctrine of salvation by knowledge. This definition, based on the etymology of the word, is correct as far as it goes, but it gives only one, though perhaps the predominant, characteristic of Gnostic systems of thought. Whereas Judaism and Christianity, and almost all pagan systems, hold that the soul attains its proper end by obedience of mind and will to the Supreme Power, i.e. by faith and works, it is markedly peculiar to Gnosticism that it places the salvation of the soul merely in the possession of a quasi-intuitive knowledge of the mysteries of the universe and of magic formulae indicative of that knowledge. Gnostics were "people who knew", and their knowledge at once constituted them a superior class of beings, whose present and future status was essentially different from that of those who, for whatever reason, did not know.*
- These heresies were a significant motivator for St. Jude's zeal in writing the epistles.
 - Remember that the Apostles were the first Bishops of the church. They went around evangelizing and setting up new Christian churches wherever they were assigned to go. They built churches and ordained priests to run those new Christian churches.

- The letters written back to these areas (such as Jude’s letter) are reminders from the Bishop about following what was taught to them about the new Christian Church or to clarify something that has come into question.
- St. Jude’s Letter is the 26th book in the New Testament just before the Book of Revelation.
- It is very short but its purpose is to warn people against heresies.
- The end of Jude’s letter is also known for its majestic closing doxology. (Jude 1:24-25)
 - Doxology – Liturgical expression meaning praise to God
 - (Jude 1:24-25) *To the one who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished and exultant, in the presence of His glory, to only God our saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power and authority for ages past, now and for ages to come. Amen.*
- Said to be martyred by being beaten to death with a club, then beheaded post-mortem in 1st century Persia
- Also thought to have been martyred by being shot to death with arrows while being tied to a cross.
- relics at Saint Peter’s Basilica, Rome, Italy, at Rheims, France, and at Toulouse, France
- Shares Feast day with good friend and fellow apostle St. Simon – October 28th

Patronage

- desperate situations
- forgotten causes
- hospital workers
- hospitals
- impossible causes
- lost causes
- diocese of Saint Petersburg, Florida,
- His patronage of lost or impossible causes traditionally derives from confusion by many early Christians between Jude and the traitor Judas Iscariot
- Not understanding the difference between the names, they never prayed for Jude’s help, and devotion to him became something of a lost cause.
- Jude is invoked in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances, just as their forefathers had done before them.
- **Conclusions** – Interesting notes about their life or sainthood
 - We begin to see the pattern that after Jesus death, many heresies began to circulate. The First Bishops of the Church recognized this right away and began to warn the early Christians about the problems of heresies.

- Sound familiar? Are we aware of any heresies today?
- Has anyone knocked on your door trying to pull you away from the Catholic Church?
- Consider why the Catholic Church is considered the true Christian church because it has the (4) marks of the Church...

(www.catholic-pages.com/church/marks.asp) (Nicene Creed)

- **One** – There is only one Christian Church, united in faith, in worship and in succession from the Apostles themselves.
 - **Holy** – *"The Church ... is held, as a matter of faith, to be unfailingly holy. This is because Christ, the Son of God, who with the Father and the Spirit is hailed as "alone holy", loved the Church as his Bride, giving himself up for her so as to sanctify her; he joined her to himself as his body and endowed her with the gift of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God."*
 - **Catholic** – "Catholic" in this sense is the "small-c" "catholic", which means "universal". The Church can be found in St Peter's Basilica, in a suburban parish church, in a group of faithful in the Amazon Jungle.
 - **Apostolic** – Recognizing apostolic succession. The Catholic Church validly claims succession from the Apostles themselves.
- Preview of next episode
 - St. Bartholomew the Apostle
 - References, Plugs & Web Sites
 - **The New American Bible**
 - www.ewtn.com – Good reference site
 - <http://www.usccb.org> The US Conference of Catholic Bishops
 - <http://www.vatican.va/> - Official Vatican Web Site
 - <http://www.catholic.org>
 - <http://www.saints.sqpn.com> – Fr. Roderick's sight
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**May the Peace of our Lord
Be always with you...Have a good day!**