

Saint Study Podcast

Podcast # 112

- **Hello everyone and welcome to Saint Study Episode 112 – “St. John 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. John The Apostle**
- Saints Birth, Life-Bio, Death, Feast Day,
 - Early life unknown
 - Son of Zebedee & Salome
 - Older brother was James the Greater
 - Often referred to as “Sons of Zebedee” (their Father)
 - Also called “Sons Of Thunder” (Mark 3: 17)
 - Also known as the “Beloved One” – John did not forsake Jesus during His Crucifixion
 - John was fisherman with his older brother & their father on Lake Genesereth
 - Was a follower of John the Baptist before he was lead to Jesus. (Matthew 4:18-22)
 - *As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea, they were fisherman. He said to them, “come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.*

- Whenever the list of the apostles is given (Acts 1:13 or Mark 3:17 etc) John is always after James (The Greater). This is where it is thought that James is the older brother to John.
- John holds a prominent spot in the “Apostolic Body”
 - Peter, James (greater) & John are the only apostles to witness the miracle of the raising of Jarusis’ daughter (Mark 5: 37) (see web site for PDF file list of miracles during Jesus lifetime)
 - Peter, James (greater) & John are the only apostles to witness The Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17: 1)
 - Peter, James (greater) & John are the only apostles invited to be with Christ during His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26: 37)
 - John goes with Peter to make arrangements for the Last Supper (Luke 22: 7-13)
 - *When the day of the feast of unleavened bread arrived, the day for sacrificing the Passover lamb, he sent out Peter and John, instructing them, go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover. They asked Him, “Where do you want us to make the preparations?” And he answered them, “When you go into the city, a man will meet you carrying a jar of water. Follow him into the house that he enters and say to the master of the house, ‘The teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room that I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” He will show you a large upper room that is furnished. Make the preparations there. Then they went off and found everything exactly as He had told them and they prepared the Passover.*
- John sits at the side of Jesus during the Last Supper.
 - Shown in many illustrations of the Last Supper when John is leaning his head on the breast of Jesus. This is when Jesus tells them about someone who will betray Him. (John 13: 21-30)
 - Important note – The evil one (satan) is close by taking all this in. Satan is frustrated because Jesus foiled satan’s plans of corrupting man by revealing that the Body and Blood of Christ are going to be present in the Eucharist.
 - Satan thought that with the death of Jesus it would be easy to corrupt man.
 - Primary reason for the Eucharist – To keep Christ with us on Earth.

- John is thought to have been the “other” apostle when Jesus was arrested and accompanied Peter to the place of the high priest. (John 18: 15)
 - *Simon Peter and another apostle followed Jesus. Now the other apostle was known to the high priest and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus.*
- John was only apostle to be with Jesus while He was on the cross.
- Just before Jesus died, He entrusted His mother Mary (Who was also at the cross) to John’s care. From that point Mary was taken care of by John. (John 19: 25-27)
- After the resurrection John & Peter were the first apostles to reach the empty grave and realize Jesus had indeed risen. (John 20: 2-10)
- Later (after the resurrection) Christ appeared to the apostles while they were near Lake Genesareth. John was the first apostle to recognize Jesus. (John 21: 7)
- After Pentecost, John was close to Peter and helped him in the founding and guidance of the early church.
- John was with Peter:
 - The healing of the lame man in the temple. (Acts 3: 1) (Peters first miracle)
 - John is arrested with Peter (Acts 4: 3)
 - John goes with Peter to Samaria.
 - During Jesus’ ministry John tried to block a Samaritan from their group. Jesus used this opportunity to explain the “new way” which is an open nature.
- John evangelized in Jerusalem and Ephesus.
- He wrote the 4th Gospel
- John wrote three epistles and possibly the book of Revelation.
- Miracles associated with St. John the Apostle:
 - Emperor Dometian had him brought to Rome, beaten, poisoned, and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil, but he stepped out unharmed and was banished to Patmos instead. This is commemorated by the feast of Saint John before the Latin Gate.
 - When John was en route to preach in Asia, his ship was wrecked in a storm; all but John were cast ashore. John was assumed dead, but two weeks later the waves cast him ashore alive at the feet of his disciple Prochoros.
 - When John denounced idol worship as demonic, followers of Artemis stoned him; the rocks turned and hit the throwers.

- He prayed in a temple of Artemis; fire from heaven killed 200 men who worshipped the idol. When the remaining group begged for mercy, he raised the 200 from the dead; they all converted and were baptized.
- Drove out a demon that had lived in a pagan temple for 249 years.
- Aboard ship, he purified vessels of sea water for drinking.
- Ceonops, a magician, pretended to bring three dead people come to life; the “people” were actually demons who mimicked people so the magician could turn people away from Christ. Through prayer, John caused the magician to drown and the demons to vanish.
- Once a year his grave gave off a fragrant dust that cured the sick.
 - John outlived all fellow apostles. The only one thought to die of natural causes.
 - Died c. 101
 - Church built over his tomb which was later converted to a mosque
 - St. John the Apostle’s feast day is December 27th.

- Patronage

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- Conclusions – Interesting notes about their life or sainthood
 - Isn’t it remarkable at the Last Supper when John asked Jesus who was going to betray Him? Satan was nearby and understood very well what the Eucharist meant. Satan believed that with Jesus dead that it would be easy to corrupt man and tempt all men with sinful desires. But by creating the institution the Eucharist, this meant that Jesus would be on Earth forever and that it would be an effective way to keep evil away from man as long as man took the Eucharist. That is why Catholics believe that the Eucharist really is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It was passed down from the last supper and the Lord has been and is still present at all the tabernacles throughout the world. The Eucharist is not a symbol but really is the Body of Christ in the appearance of bread.

- Satan was able to enter the heart of Judas who snuck away from the Passover meal.
- Preview of next episode – St. James the Lesser
- References
 - www.ewtn.com – Best reference site
 - <http://www.usccb.org> The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (New American Bible Online)
 - www.saints.sqpn.com
 - <http://www.vatican.va/> - Official Vatican Web Site
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**Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life...**

John 6:27

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