

Saint Study Podcast

Podcast # 109

- **Hello everyone and welcome to Saint Study Episode 109 – “St. James The Greater 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 learn 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.*
- **The Saint for this weeks study St. James The Greater The Apostle**
 - Saints Birth, Life-Bio, Death, Feast Day,
 - As with most of the pre-congregation saints, nothing is passed on through tradition about St. James the Greater childhood and early life.
 - Probably grew up in Galilee where it was thought his father was a fisherman. (John 1:44)
 - The designation of “greater” is used to differentiate him from the other apostle James.
 - St James The Greater was an Apostle before St. James the Lesser.
 - St. James the Greater was the son of Zebedee & Salome. (Matthew 15:40)
 - Likely the Elder brother of St. John The Apostle.
 - It is thought that Salome and The Blessed Mother of Jesus were sisters. (John 19:25)
 - If this is true, Jesus & St. James the Greater (Along with his brother St. John the Apostle) were first cousins.
 - St. James the greater was considered to hold a prominent position among the Apostles since his name is always mentioned in the first grouping when the lists of the Apostles are given. (Acts 1:13 & others)
 - Exception of St. James mention in John is thought that John was observing a “humble reserve” with regard to himself and family members.

- St. James the greater was with Jesus ...
 - At the miracle of raising Jairus's daughter (Luke 8:51)
 - The Transfiguration (Mark 9:1)
 - The Agony In The Garden of Gethsemane. (Mark 14:33)
- According to this tradition St. James the Greater, having preached Christianity in Spain, returned to Judea and was put to death by order of Herod Agrippa I, son of Aristobulus and grandson of Herod the Great.
- Herod Agrippa's great purpose was to please the Jews in every way
- Herod Agrippa showed great regard for the Mosaic Law and Jewish traditions.
- On the occasion of the Passover of A.D. 44, Agrippa perpetrated cruelties upon the Church, whose rapid growth incensed the Jews.
- The zealous temper of James and his leading part in the Jewish Christian communities probably led Agrippa to choose James as the first victim. (first apostle to be martyred)
- "He killed James, the brother of John, with the sword." (Acts 12:1-2).
- The man who arrested James converted to Christianity after hearing James confession at his trial. He was martyred along with St. James.
- St. James body was miraculously translated by angels to Iria Flavia in the northwest of Spain, and later to Compostela.
- The vow of making a pilgrimage to Compostela to honor the sepulcher of St. James is still reserved to the pope, who alone of his own or ordinary right can dispense from it.
- In the twelfth century was founded the Order of Knights of St. James of Compostela.
- A story passed on about St. James:
 - He brought back a boy to life he brought back to life a boy who had been unjustly hanged, and had been dead for five weeks. The boy's father was notified of the miracle while he sat at supper. The father pronounced the story nonsense, and said his son was no more alive than the roasted fowl on the table; the cooked bird promptly sat up, sprouted feathers, and flew away.

- Patronage

against arthritis	against rheumatism
apothecaries	arthritis sufferers
blacksmiths	Compostela, Spain
druggists	equestrians
furriers	horsemen
knights	laborers
Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina	Montreal, Canada
Nicaragua	pharmacists
pilgrims	rheumatoid sufferers
riders	soldiers
Spain	Spanish conquistadors
tanners	veterinarians

- Conclusions – Interesting notes about their life or sainthood
 - The Martyrdom of St. James the Greater actually is the beginning of the how most of the Apostles lives ended.
 - It was interesting how the confession of James during his trial inspired the man who arrested him to convert to Christianity and subsequently become a martyr with James.
 - How many people do you suppose you might influence in the way you conduct your life as a Christian?
- Preview of next episode
 - St. Philip The Apostle
- References, Plugs & Web Sites (2 sec outro of “transcend” and let it fade out to 5 secs. Past end)
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 - www.saints.sqpn.com
 - www.catholic.org
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 - **It is meant to show how attainable the truths about the Catholic faith are.**
 - **One doesn’t need to wait for Sunday Mass to learn their Faith!**

Arch Bishop Fulton Sheen Quote

“There is not a 100 people in the world who hates the Catholic Church, but there are millions in the world who hate what they mistakenly believe the Catholic Church teaches.”

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