

12 Apostles

Jesus gathered disciples (= friends) around him. From these friends he chose twelve as apostles. The word "apostle" comes from Greek and means "envoy". In a way, all Christians are ambassadors of Jesus, and thus apostles.



Matthew

Thomas

Simon

Peter

Thaddeus

James

Former customs officer. Patron saint of finances.

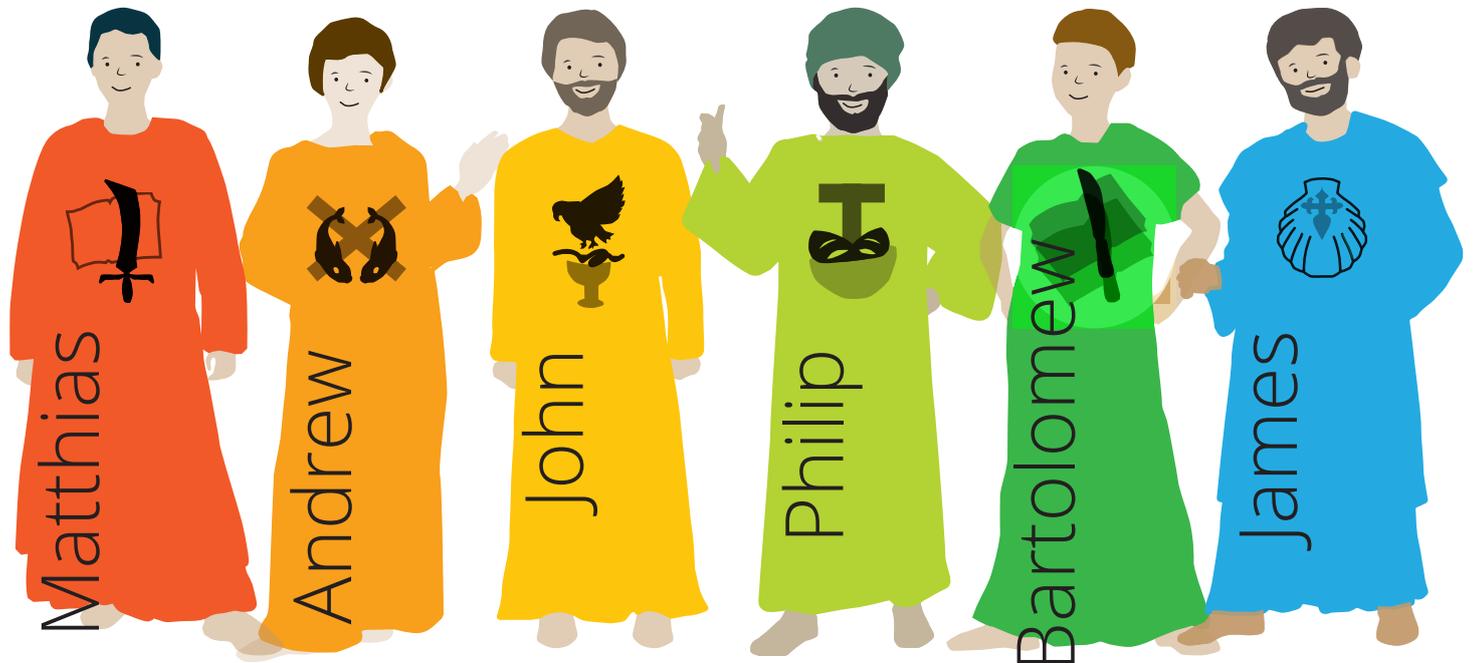
He bears the nickname "twin". Patron saint of East India and the architects.

Patron saint of weavers, dyers and forest workers.

Was the 1st Pope.

Missionary in the Near East and helper in hopeless situations.

His nickname is also "the smaller" or "the just".



Matthias

Andrew

John

Philip

Bartholomew

James

Replacement apostle for Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. Matthias is the patron saint of builders.

Brother of Peter. Died on a cross that looked like an X.

Favorite disciple of Jesus, patron saint of writers and brother of James the Elder. Jesus also called the two brothers the "sons of thunder".

Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist. Missionary in Asia Minor.

Apostle of the Orient.

Patron saint of Spain and the pilgrim.