

## State of Rome

Destruction of Jerusalem – Removal of church of Jerusalem to Pella before A.D. 70 – according to Eusebius [taking to heart Jesus' warnings in Matthew 24 (Flee to the mountains)]

## State of the Church in A.D. 100

Church hierarchy is developed:

Polycarp Bishop of Smyrna

Clement Bishop of Rome

Ignatius Bishop of Antioch

Papias Bishop of Hieropolis (re Eusebius)

Quadratus Bishop of Athens (re Eusebius)

Kedron Patriarch of Alexandria

Mari (Maris) Bishop of Edessa (church tradition)

Symeon Bishop of "Jerusalem" (re Eusebius)

## Recommended resources:

**The Search for the Twelve Apostles** William Steuart McBirnie, 1975

**Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History** C. F. Cruse trans.1998

**Atlas of Christian History** Tim Dowley 2016

**History of the Christian Church** Philip Schaff 1910

**The Twelve: The Lives of the Apostles After Calvary** C. Bernard Ruffin 1984

**The Biographies of Jesus' Apostles** James Allen Moseley 2022

## Schedule:

Class 1	Dec 1	Introduction
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>1st century: Apostolic Christianity</b>
Class 3	Dec 15	2nd century: Christianity at the crossroads
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No class	Dec 29	Break for the holiday

# The Story of the Church

*Class 2: Apostolic Christianity A.D. 30-100*

*December 8, 2024*

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## Preview of the Church

Matthew 28:18-20 Great Commission – Go – Make Disciples – Baptize  
– Teach Make disciples of **all** nations

Acts 1:8 Be my witnesses in **Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria, the remotest parts of the earth**

## Birth of the Church

Acts 2:1-4 Pentecost – violent rushing wind

## Spread of the Church

Acts 8:1 They were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria, **except the apostles**

Acts 8:5-40 Philip – Samaria, but need apostles for gift of Holy Spirit  
Road to Gaza; Ethiopian eunuch  
Azotus

Acts 9:1-31 Saul in Damascus "Church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace"

Acts 9:32-10:48 Peter – Lydda, Sharon, Joppa, and Caesarea (all in Samaria) – Church is open to Gentiles

Acts 11:19 Those who were scattered (8:1) made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and **Antioch**, spoke to Jews then Gentiles. So large a number of gentiles believed that word of them reached Jerusalem. They sent **Barnabas**. He brought Paul.

Acts 13:1-3 Holy Spirit sets apart Paul and Barnabas for 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary journey

## **Disagreement in the Church**

Acts 11:1-18 Peter defends his preaching to and baptizing Gentiles

Acts 15 Gentile versus Jewish believers – what Jewish practices should be passed on to Gentiles. **Council of Jerusalem**

## **Errors / Heresies in the church**

Letters to the churches

## **Now What Happened to the Apostles?**

### **Andrew**

From Eusebius, Andrew received Scythia as his allotted region. Perhaps stoned and crucified there. Other traditions place him in Ephesus with John, moving on to Scythia (north shores of Black Sea) and then on to Greece. He may have been martyred in Patras Greece in A.D. 69. Patron Saint of Russia Greece and Scotland.

### **Peter**

Peter may have travelled to Babylon and written his first book there. He eventually ended up in Rome and was martyred upside down.

### **James**

James was put to death with the sword in A.D. 44 at Herod the king's command. There is some tradition that James preached the Gospel in Sardinia and Spain before returning to Jerusalem. Patron saint of Spain.

### **John**

From Eusebius, John received Asia as his allotted region. He lived in Ephesus and at some point was exiled on the island of Patmos (Book of Revelation). He returned to Ephesus and lived until the time of Emperor Trajan (~ A.D. 98).

### **Philip**

Phillip travelled into Scythia (north of the Black Sea) and preached for many years and then preached in Phrygia (eastern Asia Minor), and

later lived in Hierapolis. Perhaps was martyred by being crucified sideways.

### **Nathanael Bartholomew (son of Tolmai)**

Along with Thaddaeus, Nathanael preached in Armenia. He was martyred in A.D. 68 in Derbend (Azerbaijan)

### **Matthew**

After writing his gospel, Matthew may have travelled to Persia and then to Ethiopia.

### **Thomas**

From Eusebius, Thomas received Parthia (parts of Iran and Iraq) as his allotted region. Thomas may have established churches in Babylon before proceeding to India. He may have been martyred (pierced by a lance) in Madras 72 A.D. Patron saint of India

### **Little James**

Little is said of Little James. There was confusion in the church over the identity of Little James and James the Just, the brother of the Lord.

### **Jude Thaddaeus**

Thaddaeus may have been one of five apostles who evangelized in Armenia. Tradition has Thaddaeus suffering martyrdom in Ardaze in 65 A.D.

### **Simon the Zealot (Cananean)**

Simon is said to have preached through north Africa (to Carthage), perhaps a short visit to Britain, Mesopotamia, Armenia (with Thaddaeus, Bartholomew, and Andrew), and. May have been martyred by being sawn in two in Persia.

### **Matthias**

Matthias may have been one of the five apostles that evangelized Armenia. He may have returned to Judea. Little is recorded about him in ancient writings.