

Biographical Sketch of the Apostles of Jesus Christ

Thomas

Personal Information		Scripture References:
Name: Thomas\Didymus	Nickname: “Doubting Thomas”	Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-18; Luke 6:12-16; Acts 1:13
Hometown:	Region: Galilee	
Father:	Age when called:	
Mother:	Occupation before meeting Jesus:	What he accomplished during Jesus ministry years Deserted Jesus during His trials and crucifixion
Spouse:		
Address:	Manner of death: Killed with a lance in India	
Family:	Their writings:	Major accomplishments after Jesus ministry History tells us that he traveled to India to spread the Gospel, starting many churches.:
Special Events in his life:		
Passage	Event	Remarks
	Calling	
John 20:25	Doubted the Resurrection	He was not with the disciples when Christ entered the room. He doubted that Jesus had been resurrection
John 20:26-28	Proclaimed, “My Lord and My God”	At Jesus second appearing to the 11

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Notes:

Both the Greek and Aramaic names for Thomas have as their root “double or twin.”

Some commentators suggest that Thomas didn’t really have a twin, but was a “brother of Jesus”, spiritually not literally.

Greek *Didymus*: in three of these passages (John 11:16; 20:24; 21:2)

Aramaic *Tau'ma*. Thus the name convention Didymus Thomas three times repeated in the Gospel of John. We do not know his twin’s name as the Gospels omit the Twin’s actual name.

The synoptic Gospels only mention his name when listing the Apostles. The Gospel of John gives us a better insight into his convictions and personality.

Thomas convinces the disciples to follow Jesus as he goes to help Lazarus. “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” (John 11:16)

Thomas speaks up at the Lord’s Supper. “Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?” (John 14:5)

After Christ’s resurrection, Thomas doubts his friends. “Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.” (John 20:25)

Thomas symbol is a lance or group of spears, stones and arrows.

