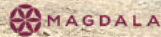


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The "Apostolic Mysteries"

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He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." (Lk 11:1)

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
(Mt 16:15-16).

Caesarea Philippi, Banias.

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Bringing It Home:

In prayer, choose one of the 12 apostles who interest you. Read something about them in the Bible, and then in prayer – with great faith that they are now in Heaven – ask them as a friend to keep your intentions and life before Christ Jesus always.

The 12 Apostles

Peter: first Pope; entrusted with the keys of the kingdom of Heaven; crucified upside down; wrote 2 letters; friend of Mark the Evangelist

James, "the greater": first apostle to be martyred in Jerusalem in 44 AD; his tomb is in Campostela, Spain; older brother of John

John: only apostle not martyred; died around 100 AD; only apostle at the foot of the cross; wrote Gospel, 3 letters, and Revelation

Andrew: first called by Jesus; apostle to the Greeks; died on cross in shape of an "X"

Bartholomew (Nathaniel): friend of Philip; preached in the East and was flayed

James, "the younger": brother of the apostle Thaddeus; cousin of Jesus; wrote a letter in the Bible

Judas Iscariot: betrayed Jesus and was replaced by Matthias

Jude (Thaddeus): James the apostles' brother of James; wrote the Letter of Jude

Matthew: tax collector and wrote the longest Gospel

Philip: preached to the Greeks and martyred around 80 AD; from Bethsaida

Simon: called the Zealot; sent to preach in North Africa; born in Cana

Thomas: called "the Twin"; doubted the Resurrection until he touched Jesus' wounds

