

WHAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS SAY ABOUT THE BODIES OF THE APOSTLES

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From the archeological findings in the link below and related link(s) in the REFERENCE section, it should be obvious from the various locations where the bodies of the Apostles were found that the Apostles hearkened and complied with Jesus' instructions in **Matthew 24 and Acts 1:8** (amongst other scriptures):

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/where-are-the-12-apostles-now>

"We hear a lot about the apostles in the gospels of the Easter season. And it makes sense—they are our primary witnesses to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. They saw Him, spoke with Him, ate and drank with Him. And in the case of St. Thomas, who we heard about at Mass this past Sunday, even touched His glorified body. And then Christ sent His apostles out from the familiar lands of Galilee and Judah and into the world to teach all nations. So, where are the apostles now?..."

*During the last 100 years, archaeologists have all but confirmed the location of the tombs of Sts. Peter, Paul, and John. **(We have to hedge a bit here, because unlike other branches of the sciences, archaeology can rarely claim to be 100 percent certain about any discovery).***

About the year 64, St. Peter was crucified head downward in the Circus, or Arena, of Nero on the Vatican Hill. Christians recovered his body and buried it in a nearby cemetery. About the year 326 the Emperor Constantine leveled what remained of the arena, and the hill, and erected a large basilica with the high altar positioned above St. Peter's grave. But after centuries of restorations and reconstructions, the location of the grave became lost. Tradition continued to insist that Peter's bones lay beneath the high altar of his basilica, but no one had seen it in centuries....

*Ancient tradition tells us that St. John the Evangelist died in **Ephesus in what is now Turkey** about the year 100. In the 4th century, after Constantine put an end to persecution of the Church, Ephesian Christians built a chapel over the apostle's tomb. In the fifth century Emperor Justinian replaced the chapel with a grand basilica. After the area was conquered by the Turks, the basilica was converted to a mosque, which in turn was destroyed by Tamerlane in 1402. In the 1920s, archaeological teams from Greece and Austria excavated the remains of the basilica and inside found St. John's grave. **The tomb was empty, and no one knows what became of John's body....***

Ancient tradition tells us that St. Thomas traveled farther than any of the other apostles, preaching the gospel in India, where he was martyred by a Hindu priest who ran him through with a spear. Today, a portion of St. Thomas' bones are venerated in the Basilica of St. Thomas in Chennai, India. Somehow, most of Thomas' remains were transported to Edessa in Mesopotamia. In 1258 these relics were carried to Ortona, Italy, where they lie today enshrined in a golden casket within a white marble altar in the Basilica of St. Thomas the Apostle...

*The tax collector who became an evangelist, St. Matthew is said have preached in **Ethiopia**, where he was martyred as he said Mass. In 954 the relics of St. Matthew were translated from their tomb in Ethiopia to the city of Salerno in Italy. The relics are venerated in the crypt of Salerno's Cathedral of St. Matthew.*

*Every year, millions of pilgrims from the Americas visit Rome's magnificent Basilica of St. Peter, and most of them walk right by the altar that holds the relics of the immensely popular St. Jude, and the less-well-venerated St. Simon. Tradition says that both apostles traveled together to preach the gospel in **Persia**, and both were martyred there: Jude was beaten to death with a club, and Simon was sawn in half. It is uncertain when their relics were transferred to Rome...."*

REFERENCE

Where Are The 12 Apostles Now?

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/where-are-the-12-apostles-now>

Background Info On The Apostles Creed

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Matthew 24:1-End

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What Jesus Meant In Matthew 16:27-28, Mark 9:1, AND Luke 9:27

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Comparing The Effect Of The Teachings Of Muhammad And Jesus In Our World Today

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