

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT
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Today we look at the disciple John, another son of Zebedee and Salome and the brother of James. He would write the Gospel of John, the Letters of John, and the Book of Revelation. Information about him can also be found in The Acts of the Apostles and in Galatians. He had also been a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee prior to becoming a disciple.

John was beloved by Jesus, but he was very human in some of his actions and thoughts. He had joined his brother James in wanting to call down fire on the Samaritan village that didn't receive Jesus. He had also rebuked a man who, though not one of the disciples, was casting out demons in the name of Jesus. Jesus, however, condemned John's narrow zeal (Mark 9:38).

John seems to have been elevated in responsibility and importance next to Peter. Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare the Passover. At the Passover supper in the upper room, it is John who is listed after Peter. It is thought to be John to whom Jesus committed his mother for care as He died on the cross. It was John who went up to the Temple with Peter. Peter and John were arrested and imprisoned.

John was an evangelist and the historian Tertullian describes a time when John was to be martyred for his faith and was cast into a pot of boiling oil, escaping without harm. He was exiled to the Isle of Patmos for eleven years where he wrote the Revelation. He is later thought to have traveled to Ephesus and served the church there. He is said to be buried at the Basilica of Saint John in Turkey.

Lord, be pleased to use each of us in your ministry to others. Give us the grace and the patience that we as humans need to care for others. Make Yourself known to us in our daily living. Amen.