

# JOHN

December 27

## APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

### PRAYER THROUGH *SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST*

O Glorious Saint John, you were so loved by Jesus that you merited to rest your head upon his breast, and to be left in his place as a son to Mary. Pray for us at Saint John's of Little Canada for a passionate love of Jesus and Mary. Let us be united with Jesus and Mary now on earth and forever after in heaven. Amen.



*Saint John was the younger son of Zebedee. The family lived on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The elder brother of John was James. After hearing John the Baptist preaching repentance in the wilderness beside the Jordan, John and James became the Baptist's followers. It would seem that the two disciples who followed Jesus, after John the Baptist called Jesus the "Lamb of God" were Andrew and John. They followed Jesus and after Jesus had asked them "What do you want?" they sought where he lived. Jesus invited them to, "Come and See". John and Andrew spent the rest of the day with Jesus. What they talked about is not known, but what we do know is that John became the Beloved Apostle.*

*John journeyed with Jesus to Capernaum, and he never left Jesus. John, James, and Peter, became the innermost circle of Jesus' friends. We find these three were with their Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane.*

*We find that John was the only apostle who was on Calvary when Jesus was dying. After hearing about the Resurrection from Mary Magdalene, John and Peter hastened to the tomb to see for themselves. In the time between the Resurrection and the Ascension, John and Peter were fishing together on the Sea of Galilee. When Christ appeared on the shore John was the first to recognize him.*

*There are many stories in tradition about the remaining life of John. A story about John is that when he was brought into the Christian community he would be encouraged to preach. His only words were "Little children, love one another". Then John would slowly walk back to his place in the Jewish congregation, though the crowd would be urging him to say more about the Lord. We are told that he settled at Ephesus where he died.*

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