

GREAT MEN of the BIBLE

(NEW TESTAMENT)

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Jesus

The Messiah

JESUS is a person unlike any other, for He is both God and man.

His birth was foretold by an angel, and He was born of a woman named Mary.

When Jesus was about thirty, He went about preaching and teaching and healing people. Although He was God, He didn't act like a powerful king. Rather, He was simple and humble and taught a message of love. He promised that whoever would listen to Him and believe in Him would have a new and better life.

Some people hated Jesus because they were jealous of Him. They had Him put to death — nailed to a cross. But God raised Him up from the dead.

Jesus is still with us in His Church and in His Sacraments. He is also with us when we pray, when we read the Bible, and when we do good things as He did.

John

The Beloved Disciple

JOHN is best known as the beloved disciple of Jesus. He was one of the first Apostles to follow Jesus, and he was a special friend to Him. Whenever Jesus was doing something very important, He would take three Apostles along with Him: John, Peter, and James.

John was also the only Apostle to be with Jesus when He died on the cross. It was there that Jesus entrusted His Mother to John saying that from then on she would be John's mother and he would be her son.

John would later write the fourth Gospel. He was the last evangelist to write a Gospel, and his account is very different from the other three. His Gospel is often called a Gospel of Love, for he writes that this is Jesus' message: to love.

Three of John's letters can also be found in the Bible as well as the Book of Revelation, which is said to have been written by him.