



St. John the Beloved

Grade 12

St. John wrote:

- ❖ **The fourth Gospel - the Gospel according to St. John.**
- ❖ **The three Holy Epistles by St. John.**
- ❖ **The Holy Book of Revelation.**



Facts about St. John

- ❖ St. John was the son of Zebedee and Salome (Luke 5:10) and was a fisherman like his father
- ❖ They were rich as they had hired servants (Mark 1:20)
- ❖ Jesus entrusted St. John with His mother at our Lord's Crucifixion
- ❖ St. John was the brother of St. James. Sons of Thunder, Sons of Zebedee
- ❖ St. John's name means "God is gracious"
- ❖ The only apostle that was not martyred



More Facts About St. John...

- ❖ St. John preached the Holy Bible in Asia Minor and in Ephesus
- ❖ The Roman Emperor Domitian ordered St. John to be exiled to the Island of Patmos. It was there on such a small and almost uninhabited island, St. John received his Revelation of the last days.
- ❖ Roman Emperor Nerva released St. John from exile. St. John returned to Ephesus
- ❖ His disciples were St. Polycarp, St. Papias and St. Ignatius of Antioch.
- ❖ St. John remained in Ephesus till he departed his earthly life in the year 98 A.D.
- ❖ He was a disciple of John the Baptist



More Facts About St. John...

- ❖ Names were:
 - St. John the Beloved
 - St. John the Theologian (only one other)
 - St. John the Evangelist
 - The Eagle
- ❖ He was the first to recognize Jesus after His resurrection. John 21.
- ❖ Fought some of the churches earliest heresies
- ❖ Always referred to as “the disciple whom Jesus loved”
- ❖ Commemorated on The Sixteenth Day Of The Blessed Month Of Bashans



The Holiness of St. John

- ❖ He was able to absorb the Words of our Lord Jesus Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit and to save these words in his heart
- ❖ John 1: 35 “Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, **“What do you seek?”** They said to Him, “Rabbi, where are You staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day.”



Famous Story About St. John

❖ In the monastery, there was a Syrian hermit whose name was Ansoynos. One night he saw the apostles, Peter and John, entering where St. John Chrystosom was. St. John, the Apostle, gave him a Bible and told him, "Do not be afraid, whosoever you shall bind, shall be bound, and whosoever you shall loose, shall be loosed." The old hermit therefore realized that St. John Chrysostom would be a faithful shepherd.



Famous Story About St. John

- ❖ One day the beloved disciple, St. John, was preaching in a city of Asia Minor, when he noticed that there was a young handsome and smart man in his audience. St. John called unto him and preached to him, then he left him in the care of the bishop of this city to teach him the Christian faith, and he returned back to Ephesus. The bishop of the city took great care of that young man until he was able to baptize him and he could participate in the Holy Communion. The young man did not continue in the path of righteousness, and was attracted to a group of bad friends who taught him evil deeds, to the point that he became a thief, then into a leader of a gang.
- ❖ Many years went by, and St. John came to visit this city once again. He asked the bishop about the young man whom he asked him to care for. The saddened bishop told St. John that he retreated back to worldly ways, and explained to him what happened to the young man. St. John was dismayed and asked for a horse and guidance to go speak to the young man.



Story Continued...

- ❖ When St. John reached near the place, the gang members captured him and took him to their leader (the young man). Upon looking at St. John, the young man recognized him and became ashamed and could not look upon the saint. He turned away, running from St. John. St. John ran after him exclaiming and shouting for him to come back and not to be afraid.
- ❖ St. John- the old man- kept telling him that there is forgiveness and repentance if he chooses to come back. He was able by the grace of God, to convince the young man to repent and the young man wept bitterly in a loud voice and knelt down in front of St. John.
- ❖ St. John took him back to the church and both kept praying and fasting until the young man was able to participate in the Holy Communion again. St. John loved sinners and cared for them which encouraged many to repent and return back to the church.



The End



**May his Blessings be with
us all Amen !!**