

St. Matthias

St. Matthias is the apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot (look up [Acts 1:21-26](#)). Little is known of his missionary activity, but tradition states that he preached in Judea (see [map](#)) (modern Israel), [Cappadocia](#), and on the shores of the [Caspian Sea](#). He was either stoned to death in Jerusalem, or was martyred at Colchis or at Sebastopolis. [St. Helen](#) brought his relicts to Rome, and some were transferred to Trier, Germany ([This site](#) is in German, but you can see pictures of the abbey). He is credited with a Gospel and other discourses that have not been historically confirmed.

It's important to note that, since St. Matthias died in the first century, history can be murky. Some sources claim he died at Sebastopolis. Others say it was in Jerusalem. The relics brought to Rome by St. Helen may be those of another St. Matthias who was a bishop of Jerusalem.

[His feast day is May 14.](#)