

St. John the Baptist And St. John the Evangelist



St. John the Baptist



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Biography

- Parents were Zechariah and Elizabeth.
- Jumped in Elizabeth's womb when he was near Jesus
- Lived in the wilderness
- Wore clothes made of camel hair
- Ate locust and honey
- Proclaimed the coming of the Messiah
- Baptized Jesus Christ in the Jordan
- Was jailed for for two year
- Was beheaded at the request of Salome

Masonic Connection

- Wore camel hair clothes
 - Not the external but internal qualifications
- Believed in repentance
 - Moving from the rough ashlar to the perfect ashlar
- Was humble
 - I am not worthy to carry his sandals - meeting on the level
- Was steadfast in his beliefs
 - Just and upright
- For fortitudinous
 - Was jailed and killed for not recanting about Herod Antipas
- Was beloved by Christ
 - “No one has arisen greater than John the Baptist “

St. John's Day

- June 24
- Also known as the Nativity of St. John
- 6 months prior to Christmas
- Closely aligns with the summer solstice
 - Believe to be aligned with Pagan holidays to make them more easily Christianized.

However.....



This is only the Beginning.....

St. John the Evangelist



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Biography

- Parents were Zebedee and Salome
- Younger brother to James
 - Known as the Sons of Thunder
- Thought to be the youngest of the Apostles
- Was mending nets in their boat, was called by Jesus and immediately followed him, leaving behind their father.
- Acts 4:13 classifies him as an uneducated man
- Was the closest of the Apostles “Beloved”
- Was at the Transfiguration (Moses and Elijah)
 - Get up and do not be afraid
 - Ordered not to tell anyone of what he saw
- Was at the Garden of Gethsemane
- Leaned on Jesus during the Last Supper rather than laying on the couches

Biography

- Was the crucifixion
- Was told to take care of Mary, Jesus' mother
- Was the first Apostle at the tomb
- Recognized Jesus after the ascension
 - Cast your nets to the rest side of the boat
- Was banished to the island of Patmos where he died in 100 A.D.
- Patron Saint of Love, Loyalty, Friendship, and Authors

Masonic Connection

- Was considered uneducated
 - Not the external but internal qualifications
- Credited with writing 5 books of the Bible
 - Moving from the rough ashlar to the perfect ashlar
- Leaned on Jesus at the Last Supper
 - Brotherly Love
- At the Transfiguration
 - Vow of Secrecy
- For fortitudinous
 - Was the only Apostle at the Crucifixion
- Was charged to take care of Mary
 - Practice Charity, taking care of widows and orphans

St. John's Day

- Dec. 27
 - 3 days after Christmas
 - Closely aligns with the winter solstice
 - Believe to be aligned with Pagan holidays to make them more easily Christianized.

However.....



This isn't the Ending.....

Compare the Days

- St. John the Baptist
 - June 24
 - Summer Solstice
 - Longest Day of the Year
 - Sun begins to Disappear
- St. John the Evangelist
 - Dec 27
 - Winter Solstice
 - Shortest Day of the Year
 - Return of the Sun

Compare the Days

What can you infer from this information?

Allow for me to offer another viewpoint

- St. John the Baptist
 - Jesus' ministry began with the Baptism - the longest day of the year as Jesus is recognized as the Son of God
 - The recognition of Jesus as the Son of God ultimately leads to his death - the darkest day of the year.

Allow for me to offer another viewpoint

- St. John the Evangelist
 - Jesus' ministry "ends" with the Revelation - the shortest day of the year but promises the Return of the SON, light, etc.
 - With his return, Christians are promised Eternal Glory in Heaven through resurrection.

Allow for me to offer another viewpoint

Upon the top rests the Holy
Scriptures....

If we follow the scriptures from the
beginning of Christ's ministry to
the Revelation, we should not
materially err.

