

thrown into a caldron of boiling oil by order of the Emperor Domitian, but miraculously escaped unhurt.

Q. What became of him afterwards?

A. He was banished to the island of Patmos, where he wrote his Revelations, and returning thence after a year of exile found that St. Timothy, bishop of Ephesus had suffered martyrdom a little before; St. John then took charge of the Church of Ephesus, and died bishop of that city, at a very advanced age.

Q. What was the end of St. Philip?

A. After the descent of the Holy Ghost, St. Philip went to Phrygia, where he preached the Gospel, and died at an advanced age, at Hieropolis, in that country.

Q. What have you to tell of St. Bartholomew?

A. St. Bartholomew is supposed to have been identical with Nathaniel, a doctor of the law, who was brought to Christ by St. Philip, and chosen as an apostle by our Lord. St. Bartholomew preached the Gospel in the East, and especially in India. His apostolic labors were crowned by the grace of martyrdom, whilst preaching to some obstinate pagans in Armenia. Some historians say that St. Bartholomew was crucified, others that he was flayed alive.

Q. In what countries did St. Thomas preach the Gospel?

A. There was none of the apostles to whom a wider field of apostolic labor was given than to St. Thomas, surnamed Didymus. He first preached the Gospel in