

**May 13, 2020-Wednesday, Fifth Week of Easter**

### **Simon the Apostle**

Very little is known about Simon.

Simon is sometimes called the Zealot, which means he was a member of the Zealot party, a group of Jews committed to a violent overthrow of Roman rule. He is said to have come from the village of Cana. After Pentecost, he is believed to have preached in Egypt, and, along with Jude, in Persia. Although there is no historical data regarding his death, various traditions say that Simon was martyred by crucifixion or by being sawed into pieces, likely in Persia.

Simon and Jude share the same feast day of October 28.

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*Jesus said to Thomas: "...No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."* (John 14:6-7)

The old Catholic catechism described God as "the Supreme Being, above all creatures, the self-existing and infinitely perfect spirit."

Not quite as graphic as Jesus describing his Father.

Some of the attributes and perfections of God—God is eternal, all-knowing, all-present, and almighty—may seem very philosophical.

But Jesus invites me as he invited Thomas: "If you want to know what God is like? Look at me."

I could reply, "Well, I guess God cries, and God laughs, and God embraces little children, and God touches the lepers."

And Jesus, of course, would say, "That's true."

The Gospels of the Easter season tell me how wonderfully close God is to me.

*Spend some quiet time with the Lord*