

St. Andrew



Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, and St. Andrew's Day is celebrated by Scottish people around the world on the 30th November.

Andrew was a simple fisherman who lived with his brother Peter in Galilee. One day a man named Jesus came to him and his brother and asked them to follow Him.

"I will make you fishers of men," Jesus promised them.



So the two men put down their nets and followed Jesus. As Andrew was probably the first of the apostles, he is often spoken of as "The First-Called".



Jesus commanded His apostles to “go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Andrew did exactly as he was asked - he preached in Greece and even travelled into Russia.



But Andrew angered the Romans by talking about Jesus and His message. Finally, the Romans crucified him on an X-shaped cross (a “saltire cross”).

This kind of cross is called the cross of Saint Andrew. It appears on the flags of Scotland and Great Britain.

