Matthew: The Apostle

Born: 1st C. AD

Died: 1st C. AD

Feast Day:
21 September

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The apostle Matthew, also known as Levi, was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus. He is thought to be the author of the Mathew's Gospel. When Jesus called Matthew to follow him, he was a tax collector, a job despised by the Jews.(Mt 9:9-13; Mk 2:13-17; Lk 5:27-28)

Very little is known about this apostle. He is mentioned a few times in the gospels. While he is honoured as a martyr, no one knows for sure where and how he died. Some suggestions as to his manner of death included - beheading, stoning, burning, or stabbing- one even suggests that he died of natural causes like John.

Tradition suggests that the relics of Saint Matthew are to be found
in a tomb in Salerno Cathedral.

He is patron saint of accountants, Salerno, Italy, bankers, tax collectors, perfumers, civil servants