



**St. Sozon** was born in Lyconia. He was a shepherd. In the city of Cilician Pompeiopolis, there was a certain golden idol which the pagans worshiped. Sozon entered the pagan temple and broke the arm off the golden idol. He crumbled it into bits and distributed it to the poor. For this act he suffered martyrdom in the year 304

**First Reading: (Col 2:6-15)** As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, having cancelled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the principalities

and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.

**Ps 144:1-2, 8-11**

**R./ How good is the Lord to all.**

**Gospel: (Lk 6:12-19)** Jesus went out into the hills to pray; and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called his disciples, and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles; Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all.

## REFLECTION

Jesus chose His men after prayerful consideration. Mk 3:14 tells us that He chose them that they might be with Him. Jesus chose His men from among His disciples. A disciple is a person who attaches himself to his teacher. Jesus called all those who had attached themselves to Him. Out of these disciples Jesus chose twelve to serve as his apostles and to join Him in his great mission and ministry. The believer is the ambassador for Christ, one who goes forth representing Christ himself both by life and word. The believer is to reflect the very life of Christ. **God seeks those who will go beyond in giving, serving in every place and generation.**