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PRESS RELEASE

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Author New Book Inspires Teens and Tweens to Lead a More Christian Life "The 13th Apostle" Tells the Tale of a Teen During the Final Days of Christ (KBC Media Relations - Feb. 1, 2004)

Paul Murphy will be signing copies of his novel, *The 13th Apostle*, in various places this year (see the schedule at www.paulmurphybooks.com). All events are open to the public.

Murphy, a parent and retired educator, felt there was a lack of Christian literature geared towards the teen and preteen market. "I knew I wanted not only a compelling story that a teen or pre-teen would enjoy, but a story that parents and educators could use to enhance Christian teachings," he said. "The novel is an ideal gift from a parent, or as a teaching text for religious educators."

The author devoted twenty-two years writing *The 13th Apostle*. Murphy thoroughly researched the Bible, as well as historic information about the times Jesus lived, to develop a compelling story about Jesus' last days as seen through the eyes of a teen boy and his small circle of friends.

Murphy graduated from The Ohio State University in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and earned a Masters in Education from Bowling Green State University in 1970. He possesses more than thirty years experience in public education as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal, culminating with sixteen years as superintendent of schools in several communities. The father of three grown children, Murphy lives in Maumee, Ohio with his wife, Shirley. He is also the author of *Time in the Mirror* and *Golden Rule Days*.

Copies of *The 13th Apostle*, published by Evergreen Press, will be available for purchase during the book signing. *The 13th Apostle* can also be downloaded as an e-book, or purchased as an audio book or hardcover directly at www.paulmurphybooks.com (click [here](#)).

About The 13th Apostle:

A mixture of fiction and Biblical fact, the novel depicts Gamaliel's journey to Christianity during the times of Jesus. Schooled in Judaism by a kindly old baker named Isaac, the boy embraces the teachings of Jesus. Gamaliel applies Jesus' stories to the problems of everyday life, which earns him the respect of his community.

Tensions run high in the village as word spreads that Jesus and His followers will be coming to celebrate Passover. Learning the religious leaders are scheming against Jesus, Gamaliel tries to think of some way to warn Him. The intrigue, suspense, and barriers that keep Gamaliel from alerting Jesus to the dangers engage the reader in a provocative story about a young boy's dream of meeting Jesus.

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