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PRESS RELEASE

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"The 13th Apostle" Tells the Tale of a Teen During the Final Days of Christ Author New Book Inspires Teens and Tweens to Lead a More Christian Life (KBC Media Relations - Feb. 5, 2004)

A new fiction novel, *The 13th Apostle*, has been written to help parents and educators looking for a novel to guide teens and tweens as Christians. Written by Paul Murphy and published by Evergreen Press, it tells the tale of an orphaned street beggar named Gamaliel, who dreams of meeting Jesus face to face.

"As a parent and educator, I know there are few Christian books, fiction or nonfiction, offered for middle school and junior high school students," says Murphy. "When I began writing *The 13th Apostle*, 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."

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.

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.

The 13th Apostle is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Borders booksellers, as well as Christian bookstores around the country. It can also be downloaded as an e-book, or purchased as an audio book or hardcover directly at www.paulmurphybooks.com (click [here](#)).

About Paul Murphy:

Paul Murphy devoted twenty-two years writing *The 13th Apostle*. It began as an idea he drafted while working as an educator and school superintendent. He is also the author of *Time in the Mirror* and *Golden Rule Days*.

Murphy graduated from The Ohio State University in 1966 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. He is skilled in speeches, news articles, and grant writing. He has also written, produced and directed videos regarding safety in athletics and school bus riding procedures, as well as school boardsmanship videos. The father of three grown children, Murphy lives in Maumee, Ohio with his wife, Shirley.

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