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## DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL

## **Tuesday, December 21**

The apostle Thomas is said to have traveled far and wide to share the Gospel of Jesus. His most famous journey was to southern India where he established a church in Kerala state. He died by the sword on December 21, 72CE on St. Thomas Mountain, India. Today there is a strong Christian presence in India including many Lutherans. Pastor Samuel Smitthenner from South Central Pennsylvania worked among the Lutherans of northern India for many years and served as the Bishop of Uttar Pradesh state. Legends about Thomas abound. Some say he evangelized China, Indonesia, and Paraguay in South America.

Thomas is an example of the Gospel's outreach to people of many nations and cultures.