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## **What Is Bilocation?**

Did you know some saints could be in two places at once?

Is it scientifically possible to be in two places at the same time?

It could be if you are a saint.

That's right. Certain saints had the power to bilocate: they could appear in multiple locations at once. Their ability to bilocate helped them serve God in every way possible and fulfill His every request.

St. Padre Pio is one of the most famous bilocators. After he became a priest, he lived and served the parish in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy for most of his life, traveling very little and never leaving the last several years of his life. However, multiple eye-witnesses reported seeing him in other locations throughout the world, including in the Holy Land and in the United States.

One of Padre Pio's most documented instances of bilocation was when the Nazis seized Italy during World War II. Padre Pio promised the people of San Giovanni Rotondo they would be spared. When American soldiers were ordered to attack the village, Padre Pio appeared in their bomber and stopped any attempts to release the bombs on San Giovanni Rotondo.

Padre Pio is not the only saint who could bilocate. St. Faustina also appeared in multiple places at once so she could spread the message of Divine Mercy and recorded her experiences in *Diary of St. Faustina*. In one instance, she appeared to a dying man who was greatly suffering. She began to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and wrote that his soul calmed as he entered his final resting place in peace.

Some other saints and venerables who bilocated include St. Martin de Porres, St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph of Cupertino.

The idea that someone could be in two places at once is hard to wrap our minds around, but God through his infinite power has at times sent holy men and women to intercede on His behalf through miracles and other awe-inspiring actions like bilocation.