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## APOSTLE PHILIP



Philip was one of the original [Twelve Apostles](#) (1) of [Jesus Christ](#) (2). The [Gospel of John](#) (3) tells us Jesus approached Philip directly and told him, "Follow Me" ([John 1:43](#)). This happened the day after the [Apostle Andrew](#) (4) and his brother, the [Apostle Peter](#) (5), were [called by Christ to follow Him](#) (6) ([Matthew 4:18-20](#), [Mark 1:16](#)).

Wasting no time in embracing his mission mandate of being [called to evangelize](#) (7), Philip introduced the Apostle [Nathanael](#) (8) to Jesus ([John 1:45-51](#)). (*ed note: Nathanael is also known as Bartholomew within the four Gospels*).

The synoptic Gospels of [Matthew](#) (9), [Mark](#) (10) and [Luke](#) (11) record Philip as one of the Twelve Apostles being named/commissioned/sent out ([Matthew 10:1-4](#), [Mark 3:13-19](#), [Luke 6:12-16](#)).

Like Andrew and Peter, Philip was from Bethsaida ([John 1:44](#), [12:21](#)). He is mentioned in most [New Testament](#) (12) translations about twenty times, with his only speaking roles being recorded in John's Gospel.

The [Miracle](#) (13) of Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand is mentioned in all four Gospels, but only John's account ([John 6:1-7](#)) records Jesus asking Philip, as a test, where they should buy bread to feed the crowd. Philip replies, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Philip and Andrew told Jesus about a group of Greeks wanting to meet Him ([John 12:20-22](#)).

During a dialogue in which Jesus is telling the Apostles about the Way to the Father, Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus offers a telling reply; not only to Philip, but to all who believe in Him ([John 14:5-11](#)).

[Acts 1:12-26](#) records Philip and the other Apostles returning to Jerusalem after witnessing the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. By the power of the [Holy Spirit](#) (14), they selected Matthias to replace [Judas Iscariot](#) (15).

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