



ANDREW

DISCIPLE OF JESUS

HIS BEGINNINGS

- Name is from the Greek "Andreas", which means "man"
- Simon Peter's brother (Matthew 10:2)
- Fisherman who was originally from Bethsaida (John 1:44), but later moved to Capernaum (Mark 1:21,29)
- Became a follower of John the Baptist before becoming one of Jesus' 12 disciples (John 1:35-40)
- Began following Jesus after witnessing a miracle catch of fish (Matthew 4:21-22)

NOTABLE EXPERIENCES

- Was the first disciple to follow Jesus (John 1:35-40)
- Told his brother, Peter, about Jesus (John 1:41)
- Accepted the call to follow Jesus (Matthew 4:21-22)
- Located the boy with the bread and fish for the feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:7-9)
- Told Jesus that Gentiles wanted to meet with Him (John 12:22)
- Was amongst Peter, James, and John as Jesus revealed the signs of the end (Mark 13:3)
- Joined the apostles in selecting a replacement for Judas Iscariot (Acts 1:13)
- Joined the apostles in selecting ministry leaders (Acts 6: 2-6)
- Experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4,14)
- Spread the gospel message and guided early Christian believers (Acts 2:14,40-41)

WHAT HE IS KNOWN FOR

- **He was the brother of Peter**
 - Andrew's name is scarcely mentioned without Him being referred to as "the brother of Simon Peter" (Matthew 10:2)
- **He was a disciple of John the Baptist**
 - While it's possible one of the other twelve disciples may have followed John the Baptist, the only one mentioned by name is Andrew (John 1:35-40)
- **He was the first of the disciples to bring others to Jesus**
 - Upon discovering that Jesus was the Messiah, Andrew immediately went to tell Peter about Him (John 1: 40-42)
- **He was one of few disciples to hear about the signs of the end**
 - Andrew was listed with Peter, James, and John as being one of the few disciples to hear what Jesus had to say about the end times (Mark 13:3)
- **Demonstrated willingness and quick-thinking during the feeding of the 5000**
 - Though the disciples couldn't see how they could provide food for 5,000 people, Andrew took the initiative to find food like Jesus had asked (John 6:7-9)
 - He brought Jesus a boy who had packed a lunch of five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:9), and with that, Jesus performed an amazing miracle

AFTER JESUS' ASCENSION

- His role as a follower shifted to one of a leader
- Andrew was involved in:
 - Choosing someone to replace Judas Iscariot as the twelfth disciple (Acts 1:13)
 - Selecting ministry leaders (Acts 6:2-6)
 - Spreading the gospel message and calling others to turn to Jesus (Acts 2:14,40-41)
- The Bible doesn't tell us anything about Andrew's travels or how he might have died
 - Scholars suggest he went on to spread the message in Greece, Asia Minor, and Scythia, although the Bible doesn't mention anywhere specific*
 - Tradition suggests that he died in Achaia, Greece, where he was crucified as a martyr on an X-shaped cross**

LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE

- We can contribute to Jesus' mission just by being diligent and faithful
- We don't have to be a courageous speaker or miracle worker to serve Christ. Sometimes, all Christ asks of us is to be willing to tell others about Him
- As Christians, we are likewise called to trust in and follow Jesus with the faith of Andrew