



# PHILIP

DISCIPLE OF JESUS



## AS A DISCIPLE

### Told Nathaniel about Jesus

- Found Nathaniel sitting under a fig tree and insisted he come and see Jesus (John 1:45-46)

### The "Practical Disciple"

- Present at the "Feeding of the 5000" (John 6:1-15)
- Protested that 200 days' wages (200 denarii) worth of bread wouldn't even be enough to give everyone a little food (John 6:7)
- Witnessed the miracle that Jesus performed with the five loaves and two fish

### Is Protective of Jesus

- During the Passover celebration, some people approached Philip and asked to see Jesus (John 12:20-21)
- Instead of allowing this, Philip told Andrew, and they both went and told Jesus (John 12:22)

### Misunderstands Jesus

- At the last supper, Philip tried to demonstrate his faith to Jesus by saying, "Lord, show us the Father, and that's enough for us" (John 14:8)

## HIS BEGINNINGS

- From Bethsaida, along the northern coast of the Sea of Galilee (John 1:44)
- Found by Jesus in Galilee and called to be one of His disciples (John 1:43)

## AFTER JESUS' ASCENSION

- After the Gospel of John, there are no more mentions of Philip by name
- According to church tradition, Philip the Disciple may have left Jerusalem as a missionary, working in the areas of Scythia, Syria, and Phrygia, all in Eurasia\*
- He may have also had a couple of unmarried daughters, whom he spent the final years of his life within the city of Hierapolis\*\*
- He was likely martyred, though sources disagree on exactly how\*\*\*
- There is no way to know for sure, however, because anything about Philip's life after Jesus' ascension is from extrabiblical sources, some of which have been contested

## LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE

- Philip shares our common struggle of thinking small vs. thinking big
- He inspires us to share the Gospel with others
- He encourages us to find Jesus for ourselves—and help others do so as well



- Philip the disciple is NOT the same as "Philip the Evangelist" or "Philip the Deacon" (Acts 6)
- "Philip the Evangelist" is one of the seven people chosen by the apostles to take charge of food distribution during a time when the apostles were preaching the Gospel among the Hebraic and Hellenistic Jews (Acts 6: 1-6)

\*\*Life of St. Philip the Apostle," St. Philip the Apostle Orthodox Church.org, <https://www.tampaothodox.org/stphilipjouisle>

\*\* "St. Philip the Apostle," New Advent.org, <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11799a.htm>

\*\*\* "How Did the Apostles Die: What We Actually Know," Overview Bible.com, <https://overviewbible.com/how-did-the-apostles-die/>