



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>

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