

Philip

The Twelve · The Twelve Apostles

From Bethsaida, Philip immediately brought Nathanael to Christ.

Note: Philip's Greek name (Φίλιππος, 'lover of horses') and his role as intermediary when Greeks sought Jesus (John 12:20-22) suggest possible Hellenistic connections. Church tradition holds he ministered extensively in Asia Minor, particularly Hierapolis in Phrygia, where he was reportedly martyred by crucifixion. His daughters were noted prophetesses in the early church (Acts 21:8-9, though this may refer to Philip the Evangelist).

His practical, calculating nature appears in his questions about feeding the multitude and showing the Father. Despite his slowness to grasp spiritual truths, his earnest seeking characterized his discipleship.

Key Verses

John 1:45

Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

John 14:8

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

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