

Apostles - What We Know From Scripture And History

Week 5 – February 21 & 22

ANDREW

THE TWELVE DISCIPLES

Simon Peter, Andrew, James, Philip, Thomas, Matthew
Bartholemew and Simon, Judas, Judas, James, and John

Miscellania:

His name: ANDREW än' drōō - Greek: Ανδρέας - pronounced andray'us - from the root word *andros*, meaning "man" and therefore his name is normally thought to mean: manly - Although a native Palestinian Jew, Andrew is a good Greek name.

The brother of Simon / Cephas / Peter as recorded by all four Gospels.
(Mark 1:16; Matt 4:18; Luke 6:14; John 1:40; 6:8)

The son of Jona / Jonah / John depending on which text you read.

His original home was in Bethsaida (what does the Greek word *beth* mean?)

Galilee had stronger gentile influence than those in Judea and almost certainly also spoke Aramaic

As Jesus goes public, Simon, who is married to ????? lives in ????? and Andrew apparently shared the house with him – review Mark 1:16-31.

As we've noticed before, by trade Andrew and Simon were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, partners with James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

Andrew always mentioned second to Peter. Younger or less prominent according to the Scriptures.

Are you more like Peter – James – John – Andrew?

Matthew 25:14-30

- Encouraged someone with a smile?
- Invited someone to a Bible study?
- Invited someone to church to hear a special speaker?
- Picked up someone to bring them to services?
- Taken food to someone?
- Given someone a book to read or a pamphlet about a specific Bible subject?

And this, "using what God provides" is evident of Andrew in John 6:8-9

John 1:19-43

- Note the number of days
- What major event does John not include?
- That amazing afternoon with Jesus
- What does Andrew specifically acknowledge and report?

Back to fishing ... and then ... Matthew 4:18-20

John 1:43-44 includes another Bethsaida

- Which likely leads to John 6:5-9
- And John 12:20-22

Later, when a group of Greeks wanted to see Jesus, they came to Philip, and for whatever reason, Philip deferred the decision to Andrew - John 12:20-22

In Mark 13, Peter, James, John, and Andrew share a private moment with Jesus and ask him about the destruction of the temple – read Mark 13:3-4.

The last mention we see of Andrew in the Bible is at the ascension of Jesus Acts 1:6-11

When compared to Peter, James, and John, we see Andrew has a different personality. Andrew seems to be one who quietly guides others to meet our Lord. Andrew seemed to be pleased to do what he could for our Lord with the gifts he had and supporting others to do likewise.

Of the disciples in the inner circle, Andrew seems to be the most thoughtful. Peter, we know to have been impetuous, rushing ahead, frequently saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. James and John were nicknamed "Sons of Thunder," likely because of their reckless tendencies.

Scripture never directly attaches anything negative to Andrew.

Where did Andrew serve?

Eusebius of Caesarea, the father of church history tells us that Origen (a scholar from the second and third century) claimed Andrew was sent to Scythia (an ancient region in central Eurasia).

How did Andrew die?

Tradition claims Andrew was crucified in the Greek city of Patras around 60 AD, and that like Peter, he didn't consider himself worthy of dying the same way as Jesus. Instead, he was bound to an X shaped cross, which became a symbol known as Saint Andrew's Cross. According to *Acts of Andrew* (an apocryphal text), he hung there for three days, preaching the entire time.