

Biographical Sketch of the Apostles of Jesus Christ

Andrew

Personal Information		Scripture References:
Name: Andrew	Nickname: Usher	Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:12-16; Acts 1:13
Hometown: Capernaum; Bethsaida (John 1:44)	Region: Galilee	Matthew 4:18-20, 16:17-19; Mark 6:7-13, 13:1-4, Luke 5:7, 10; John 1:29-30, 35-41, 12:20-22;
Father: Jonas (Greek for John - John 1:42)	Age when called:	
Mother: Joanna	Occupation before meeting Jesus:	What he accomplished during Jesus ministry years Andrew was in the crowd the day Jesus was baptized (John 1:29-30) Disciple and Apostle of Jesus Sometimes included in the inner circle of Peter, James and John. Sent on mission trip with the others Brought Greeks to Jesus Brought Lad with his lunch to feed the 5,000 Deserted Jesus during His trials and crucifixion
Spouse: Unknown	Fisherman (Matthew 4:18) Partners with James and John	
Address: Bethsaida/Capernaum	Manner of death: Tradition says he died on a "X" shaped cross (St. Andrews Cross). 69 AD	
Family: His brother was the Apostle Peter	Their writings:	Major accomplishments after Jesus ministry: Andrew was with the disciples at Jesus Ascension Was with the disciples selecting a replacement for Judas Spoke at Pentecost
Special Events in his life:		
Passage	Event	Remarks
Mark 1:16-18; John 1:35, 40-42	Disciple of John the Baptist	Met Jesus and found Peter, "Come see the Messiah, which is called the Christ."
Matthew 4:18-20; Mark 1:16-18;	Calling	Peter and Andrew were fishing when Jesus called them.
John 1:35-41	Brings Peter to Jesus	
John 2:1-11	Wedding in Cana	Traveled with Peter, John and Philip

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Notes on Andrew:

Andrew (Greek) means “manly.”

Peter and Andrew were from two cities. In Mark 1:29 we find Jesus coming to the house of Peter and Andrew where he healed Peter's mother-in-law which was located in Capernaum. And in John 1:44 it says Philip was from Bethsaida which was the city of Peter and Andrew. Owned property in Capernaum with his brother (Mark 1:29)

Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. He met Jesus and found his brother and said come and see the Messiah, which is the Christ. This is found in John 1 :40-24. Even though it appears that Andrew was the first recorded disciple of Jesus, he was never jealous or resentful over Peter.

A common theme, when considering most of the twelve, is that there is very little written about Andrew, beyond being included in the lists of disciples/Apostles. Many times Andrew is simply grouped with and identified as “Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother (Matthew 4:18, 10:2; Luke 6:14; John 1:40; 6:8)

In Mark 13: 1-4 Jesus was telling his disciples about the end times. Privately Peter, Andrew, James, and John came to Jesus and asked when all this would happen and what would be the Signs.

However, there are three passages in the Gospel of John that we see Andrew acting as an individual. (1) Andrew is the first of two disciples of Jesus (John 1:35-42); (2) During the Passover celebration when Jesus entered Jerusalem, there were some Greeks there to worship. They wanted to see Jesus, so they went to Philip-and asked to see Jesus. Philip came to Andrew and together they went to tell Jesus. John 12:20-22. (3) While each of the Gospels include the feeding of the 5,000, only John 6:8-9 includes the story of Andrews role. Andrew approaches Jesus, "There is lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many?" (John 6:5-9).

In Matthew 10: 1-14 and Mark 6:7-13 Jesus sends the disciples on a mission trip to the 'lost sheep of Israel. They were given power to heal and cast out unclean spirits. But most of all they were to proclaim the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Andrew was present in the room after the resurrection when Jesus met with the ten (Thomas was absent and Judas was dead; John 20:19-25)



After Jesus crucifixion and resurrection, the 11 disciples hid out in the upper room. Judas had hung himself, Andrews name is not mentioned but we are sure he was with them when Jesus appeared to them.

Andrew was present when Christ gave the Great Commission, Matthew 28:16-20

We are not sure but he may have been with Peter, Tomas, Nathanael, and the sons of Zebedee, when they went fishing two unnamed disciples were mentioned. John 21: 1-2.

He was with the disciples in Acts 1:8-9 when they watched Jesus ascension. Also verse 13 he was named with the others in the upper room were Matthias was chosen to replace Judas. They were there until the day of Pentecost. No other mention of him in the Bible. Tradition says that he preached in Ephesus, South Russia, Greece and Asia Minor and was crucified on an “X” shaped cross now called the St. Andrews's cross. Two crossed fish are also his symbol.