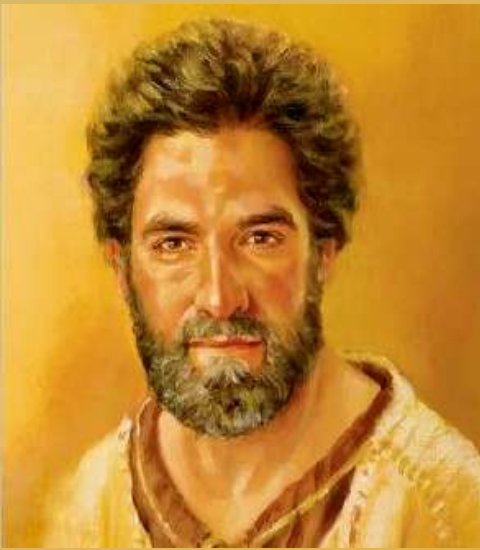


Nathanael the Guileless



John 1:43-49

First group led by Peter..



Peter the
Impulsive Disciple



Andrew the Inviter



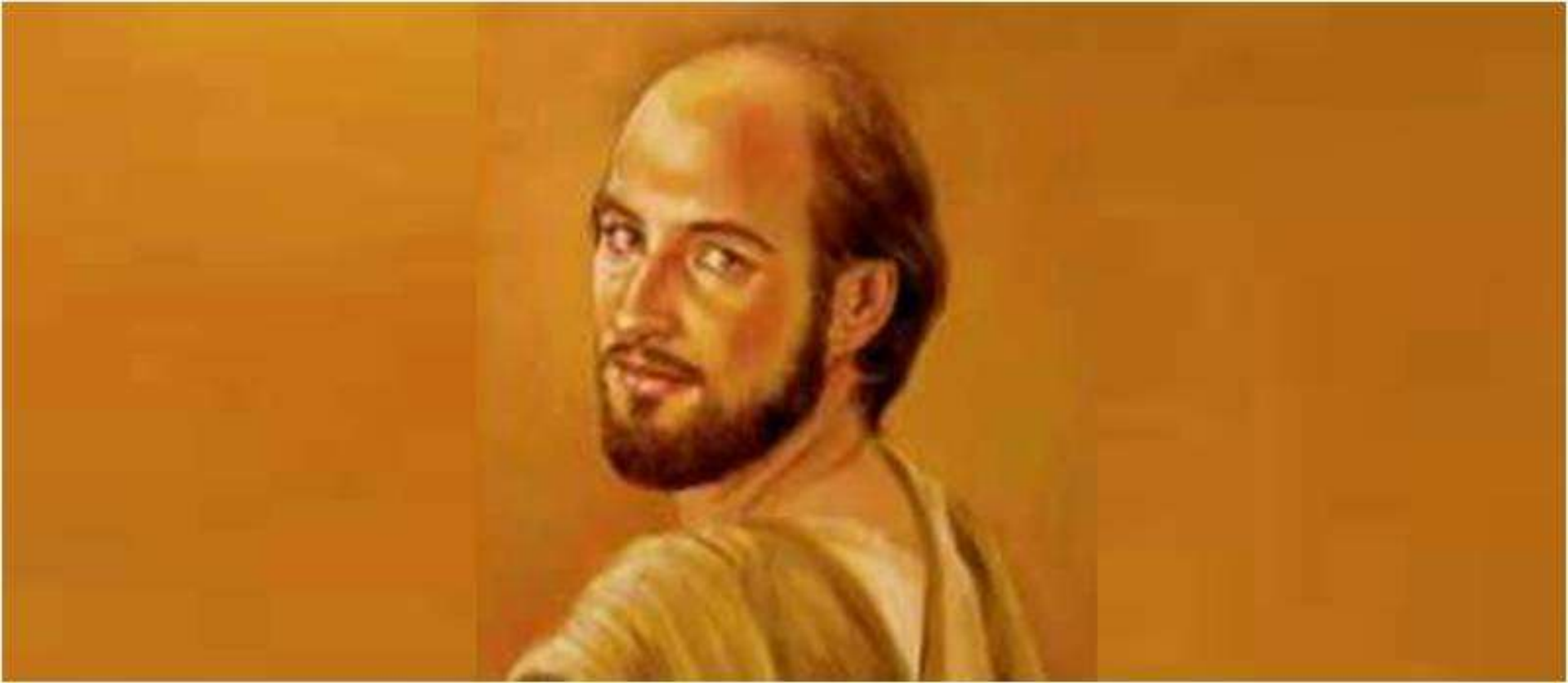
James the son of
Zebedee



John the Beloved
Disciple

First true followers

Philip.. Leader of Second Group



Natural tendencies Jesus saw..

Nathanael's name..

Nathanael	Bartholomew
“gift of God”	“bar-Tolmai”

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Gospel of
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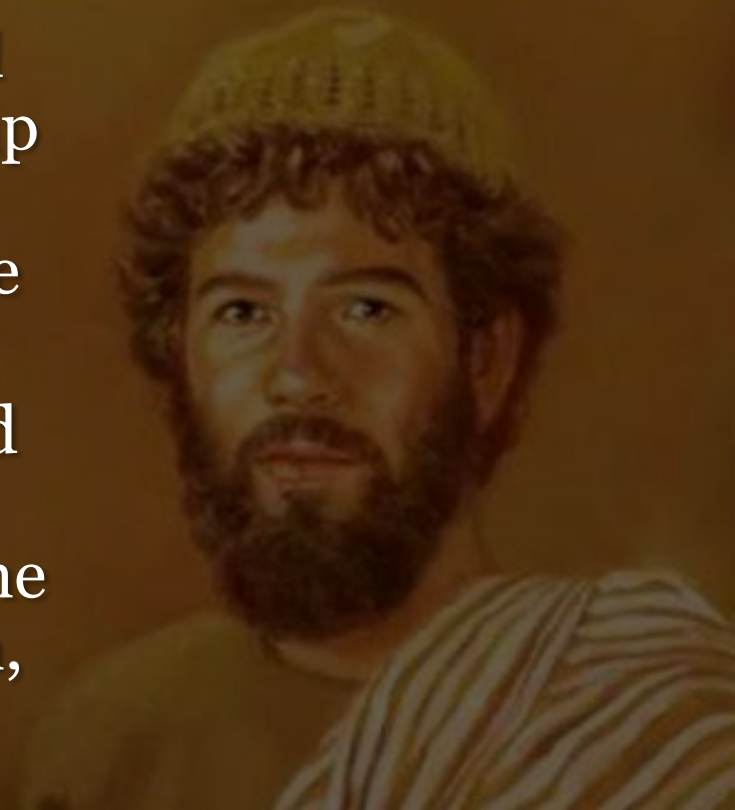
All four lists
of apostles

From Cana of Galilee (John 21:2)



John 1:43-45..

- **43** The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
- **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."



Philip and Nathanael were friends

1 His Love of Scripture..

- John 1:45.. "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."
 - Students of the OT
 - A seeker after divine truth
 - Searching for the Messiah



Philip knew Nathanael's scriptural view..

2 His Natural Prejudice

- John 1:46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.
 - His contempt for Nazareth
 - Prejudice caused many to reject Jesus
 - Prejudice based on emotion, not facts

Nathanael was spiritual but also human..

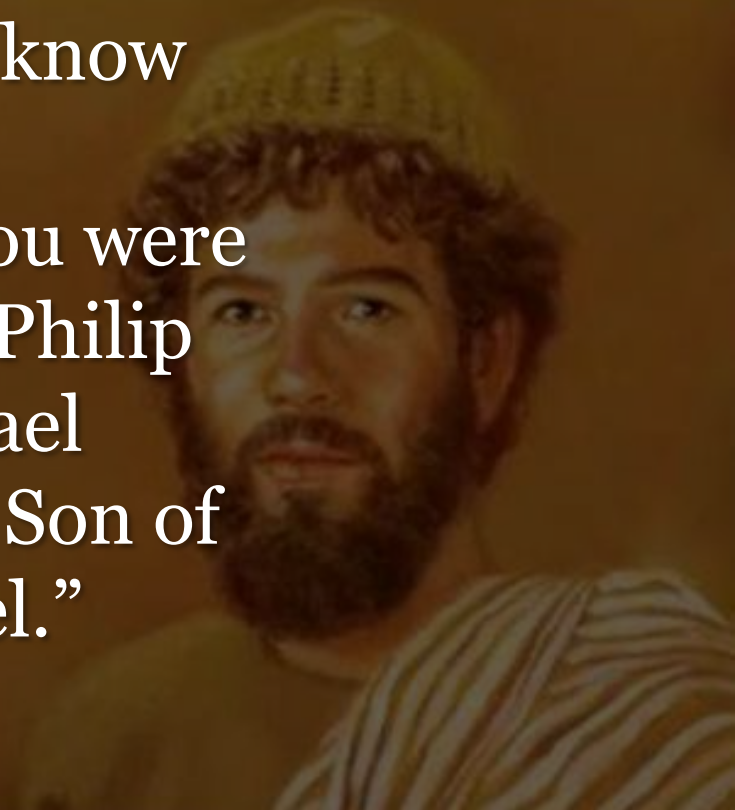
3 His Sincerity..

- **John 1:47** When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”
 - A true Israelite – Rom 2:28-29
 - Not inwardly hypocritical
 - A true disciple – John 8:31-32



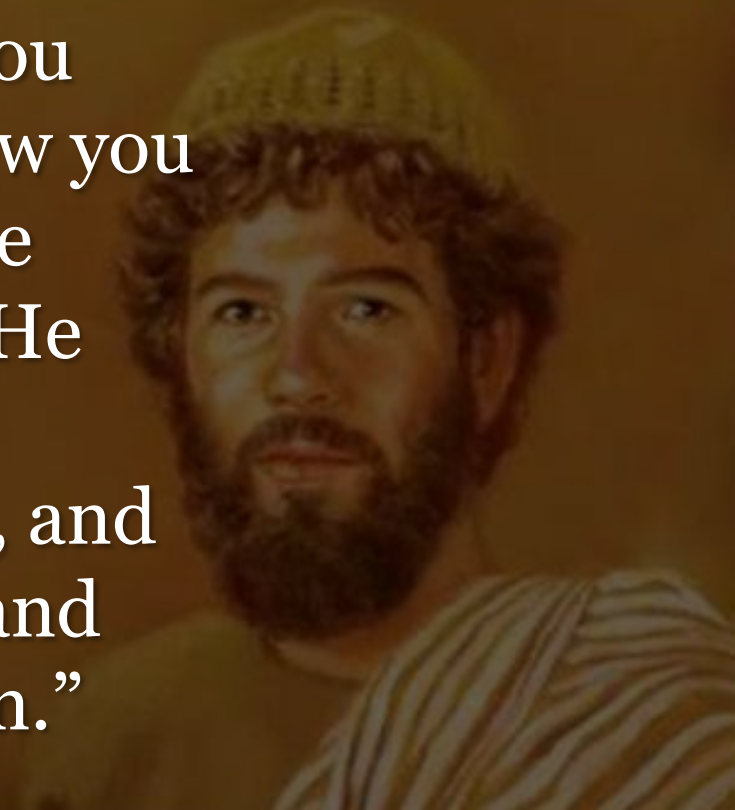
4 His Eager Faith..

- **John 1:48-49** “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” **49** Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”



4 His Eager Faith..

- **John 1:50-51** Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” **51** He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.’”



Nathanael the Guileless



John 1:43-49

