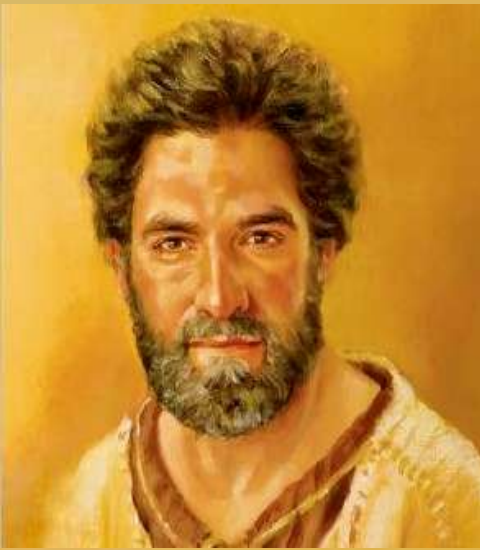


Philip the Analyzing Disciple



John 6:1-7

Jesus' front four..



Peter the
Impulsive Disciple



Andrew the Inviter



James the son of
Zebedee



John the Beloved
Disciple

All very close to Jesus

Philip's background..

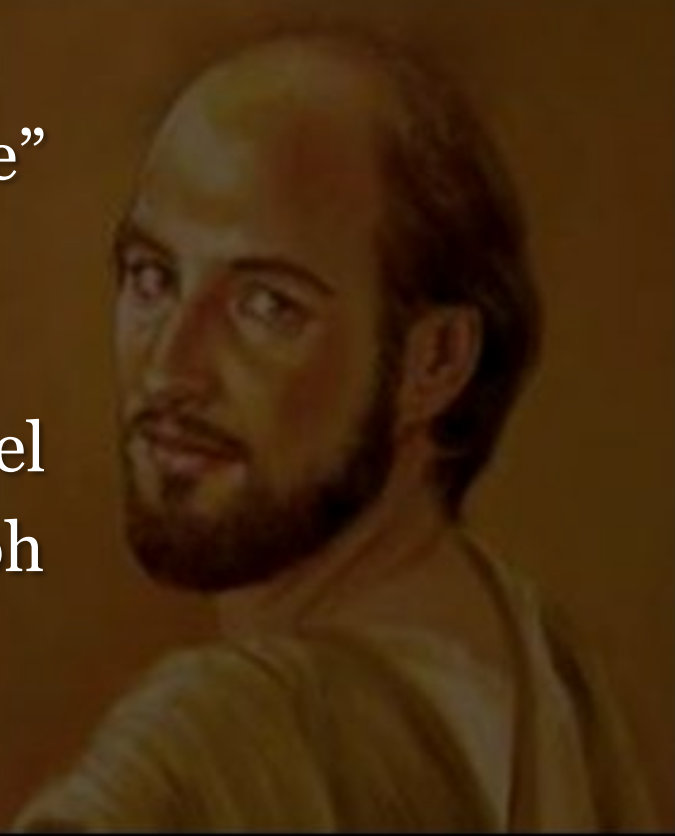
- Always 5th in lists of apostles..
- Greek name (Greek influence)
- Hebrew name is never given
- Not same Philip of Acts 6,8
- From Bethsaida (John 1:44)
- Fisherman (Jn 21:2..?)



Close friend of Nathanael (Bartholomew)

1 His spiritual side..

- John 1:43-46..
 - Jesus found Philip.. “Follow Me”
 - A seeking heart (v 45)
 - “We have found Him..”
 - His 1st thought to find Nathanael
 - Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph



He was prepared, ready to follow..

2 His natural tendencies..

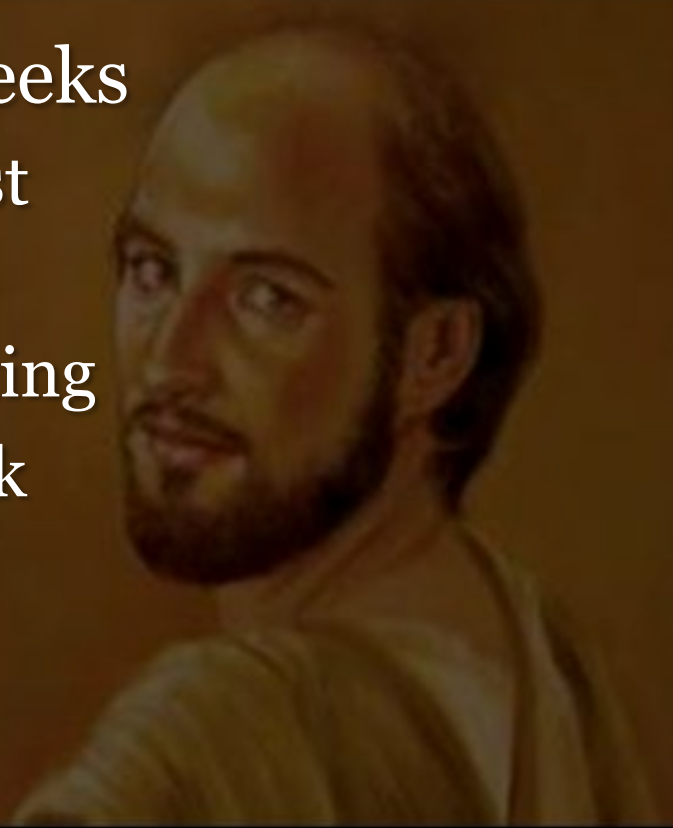
- John 6:1-7 at feeding of 5000..
 - Great multitude (v 10)
 - Evening approaching
 - Jesus tests Philip (v 5-6)
 - “Where shall we buy bread?”
 - Philip calculates by numbers..
 - It can't be done..



Jesus was testing his faith..

2 Tendency to overanalyze..

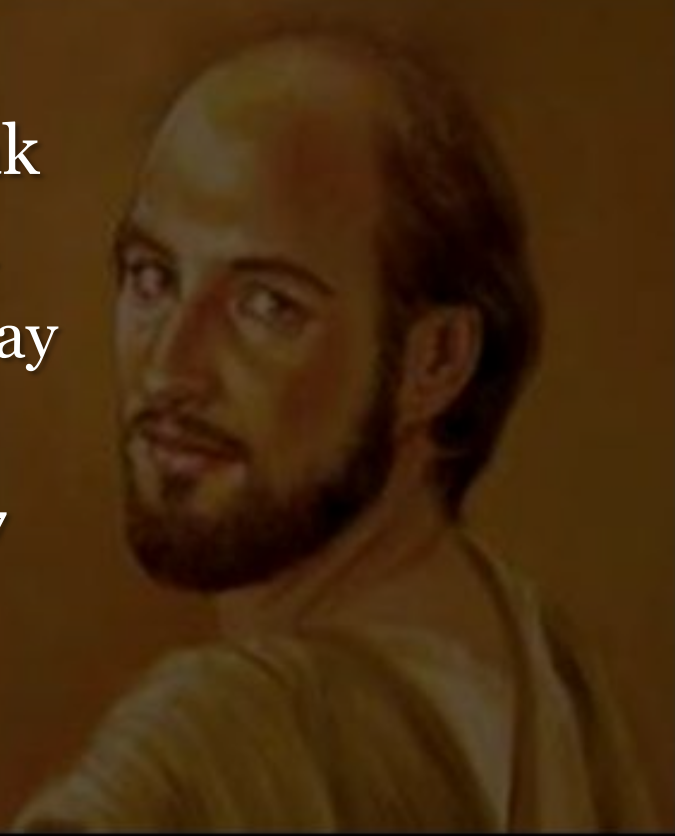
- John 12:20-22..Visit of the Greeks
 - Certain Greeks at Passover feast
 - “Sir, we wish to see Jesus”..
 - Came to Philip to arrange meeting
 - Philip seems unsure, holds back
 - Matt 10:5-7; 15:24..
 - Passes ball to Andrew..



Philip knew in his heart, but held back..

3 One final glimpse of Philip..

- John 14:1-11 in upper room..
 - Jesus' last night.. Faith still weak
 - Jesus' heart heavy.. John 14:1-4
 - Go to prepare.. you know the way
 - Thomas' response v 5
 - Jesus' clearest statements v 6-7
 - Philip v8 "Show us the Father"
 - Jesus' disappointment vs 9-11



Philip failed all three tests..

Does Jesus reject him?

- Jesus: He is exactly what I'm looking for..
 - I'll send him to preach..
 - I'll give him a throne
 - A home in heaven
- History: Stoned in Heliopolis, Phrygia
- Jesus uses the weak.. 1 Cor 1:26



The power of God..

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