

~NATHANAEL (364)

(Na-than'a-el) [from Hebrew, meaning, God Has Given]

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- Presumably the name of **Bartholomew**, hence one of Jesus 12 apostles. Bartholomew, meaning, **Son of Tolmai**, was a patronymic term, that is, a designation derived from his father.
- The apostle John uses his given name **Nathanael**, whereas Matthew, Mark, and Luke call him **Bartholomew**. When doing so they associate Philip and **Bartholomew** together, in the same way that John links Philip with Nathanael.
- Philip and **Bartholomew**, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector, James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus. (**Matthew 10:3**)
- And Andrew and Philip and **Bartholomew** and Matthew and Thomas and James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus and Simon the Cananaean. (**Mark 3:18**)
- Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip and **Bartholomew**. (**Luke 6:14**)
- Philip found **Nathanael** and said to him; We have found the one of whom Moses, in the Law, and the Prophets wrote, Jesus, the son of Joseph, from Nazareth. (**John 1:45**)
- But **Nathanael** said to him; Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him; Come and see. (**John 1:46**)
- It was not uncommon for persons to be known by more than one name. For example, Simon the son of John, also came to be known as Cephas and Peter.
- He led him to Jesus. When Jesus looked upon him he said; You are Simon the son of John; You will be called Cephas, which is translated Peter. (**John 1:42**)
- Nor was it exceptional for **Nathanael** to be called **Bartholomew**, or the **Son of Tolmai**, as another man was called simply **Bartimaeus**, or **Son of Timaeus**.

- And they came into Jericho. But as he and his disciples and a considerable crowd were going out of Jericho, **Bartimaeus** the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting beside the road. (Mark 10:46)
- The two names, **Nathanael** and **Bartholomew**, are used interchangeably by Christian writers of following centuries.

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- There were in company Simon Peter and Thomas, who was called The Twin, and **Nathanael** from **Cana of Galilee** and the sons of Zebedee and two others of his disciples. (John 21:2)
- He began following Jesus early in the Masters ministry. Philip, after responding to Jesus call; Be my follower, immediately looked up his friend **Nathanael** and invited him to come and see the Messiah. **Nathanael** asked; Can anything good come out of Nazareth? But then responded to the invitation.
- Jesus, seeing him approach, remarked; See, an Israelite for a certainty, in whom there is no deceit. **Nathanael** must have been an exceptional man for Jesus to make a statement like that.
- Because Jesus said this and stated that he saw Nathanael under a fig tree before Philip called him, **Nathanael** confessed that Jesus was indeed, the Son of God, King of Israel. Jesus assured him that he would see things greater than these.
- The next day he desired to depart for Galilee. So Jesus found Philip and said to him; Be my follower. (John 1:43)
- Now Philip was from Bethsaida, from the city of Andrew and Peter. (John 1:44)
- Philip found **Nathanael** and said to him; We have found the one of whom Moses, in the Law, and the Prophets wrote, Jesus, the son of Joseph, from Nazareth. (John 1:45)
- But **Nathanael** said to him; Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him; Come and see. (John 1:46)
- Jesus saw **Nathanael** coming toward him and said about him; See, an Israelite for a certainty, in whom there is no deceit. (John

1:47)

- **Nathanael** said to him; How does it come that you know me? Jesus in answer said to him; Before Philip called you, while you were under the fig tree, I saw you. (**John 1:48**)
- **Nathanael** answered him; Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are King of Israel. (**John 1:49**)
- Jesus in answer said to him; Because I told you I saw you underneath the fig tree do you believe? You will see things greater than these. (**John 1:50**)
- He further said to him; Most truly I say to you men, you will see heaven opened up and the angels of God ascending and descending to the Son of man. (**John 1:51**)
- As one of the 12, **Nathanael** was in constant attendance throughout Jesus ministry, being trained for future service.
- Now when Jesus had finished giving instructions to his twelve disciples, he set out from there to teach and preach in their cities. (**Matthew 11:1**)
- When the disciples heard that, they expressed very great surprise, saying; Who really can be saved? (**Matthew 19:25**)
- Looking them in the face, Jesus said to them; With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. (**Matthew 19:26**)
- Then Peter said to him in reply; Look! We have left all things and followed you, what actually will there be for us? (**Matthew 19:27**)
- Jesus said to them; Truly I say to you, in the re-creation, when the Son of man sits down upon his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also yourselves sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (**Matthew 19:28**)
- Being now about to go up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples off privately and said to them on the road. (**Matthew 20:17**)
- Look! We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man will be

delivered up to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death. ([Matthew 20:18](#))

- And will deliver him up to men of the nations to make fun of and to scourge and to impale, and the third day he will be raised up. ([Matthew 20:19](#))
- When the ten others heard of this, they became indignant at the two brothers. ([Matthew 20:24](#))
- But Jesus, calling them to him, said; You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them and the great men wield authority over them. ([Matthew 20:25](#))
- This is not the way among you, but whoever wants to become great among you must be your minister. ([Matthew 20:26](#))
- And whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. ([Matthew 20:27](#))
- Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. ([Matthew 20:28](#))
- Now when he got to be alone, those around him with the twelve began questioning him on the illustrations. ([Mark 4:10](#))
- And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple, and he looked around upon all things, and, as the hour was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. ([Mark 11:11](#))
- I am the bread of life. ([John 6:48](#))
- Your forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness and yet died. ([John 6:49](#))
- This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat of it and not die. ([John 6:50](#))
- I am the living bread that came down from heaven, if anyone eats of this bread he will live forever, and, for a fact, the bread that I shall give is my flesh in behalf of the life of the world. ([John 6:51](#))

- **Therefore the Jews began contending with one another, saying; How can this man give us his flesh to eat? (John 6:52)**
- **Accordingly Jesus said to them; Most truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves. (John 6:53)**
- **He that feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life, and I shall resurrect him at the last day. (John 6:54)**
- **For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. (John 6:55)**
- **He that feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in union with me, and I in union with him. (John 6:56)**
- **Just as the living Father sent me forth and I live because of the Father, he also that feeds on me, even that one will live because of me. (John 6:57)**
- **This is the bread that came down from heaven. It is not as when your forefathers ate and yet died. He that feeds on this bread will live forever. (John 6:58)**
- **These things he said as he was teaching in public assembly at Capernaum. (John 6:59)**
- **Therefore many of his disciples, when they heard this, said; This speech is shocking. Who can listen to it? (John 6:60)**
- **But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were murmuring about this, said to them; Does this stumble you? (John 6:61)**
- **What, therefore, if you should behold the Son of man ascending to where he was before? (John 6:62)**
- **It is the spirit that is life-giving. The flesh is of no use at all. The sayings that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. (John 6:63)**
- **But there are some of you that do not believe. For from the beginning Jesus knew who were the ones not believing and who was the one that would betray him. (John 6:64)**
- **So he went on to say; This is why I have said to you, no one can**

come to me unless it is granted him by the Father. (John 6:65)

- Owing to this many of his disciples went off to the things behind and would no longer walk with him. (John 6:66)
- Therefore Jesus said to the twelve; You do not want to go also, do you? (John 6:67)
- After Jesus death and resurrection, **Nathanael** and others of the apostles went back to their fishing, and it was while they were approaching shore in their boat one morning that Jesus called to them. Nathanael, unlike Peter, stayed in the boat until it got to shore, and then, joining the rest for breakfast, he took in the meaningful conversation between Jesus and Peter.
- After these things Jesus manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias, but he made the manifestation in this way. (John 21:1)
- There were in company Simon Peter and Thomas, who was called The Twin, and **Nathanael** from Cana of Galilee and the sons of Zebedee and two others of his disciples. (John 21:2)
- Simon Peter said to them; I am going fishing. They said to him; We also are coming with you. Out they went and got aboard the boat, but during that night they caught nothing. (John 21:3)
- However, just as it was getting to be morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not, of course, discern that it was Jesus. (John 21:4)
- Then Jesus said to them; Young children, you do not have anything to eat, do you? They answered; No! To him. (John 21:5)
- He said to them; Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some. Then they cast it, but they were no longer able to draw it in because of the multitude of the fishes. (John 21:6)
- Therefore that disciple whom Jesus used to love said to Peter; It is the Lord! Hence Simon Peter, upon hearing that it was the Lord, girded about himself his top garment, for he was naked, and plunged into the sea. (John 21:7)

- But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not a long way from land, only about three hundred feet away, dragging the net of fishes. ([John 21:8](#))
- However, when they disembarked onto land they beheld lying there a charcoal fire and fish lying upon it and bread. ([John 21:9](#))
- Jesus said to them; Bring some of the fish you just now caught. ([John 21:10](#))
- Simon Peter, therefore, went on board and drew the net to land full of big fishes, one hundred and fifty-three of them. But although there were so many the net did not burst. ([John 21:11](#))
- Jesus said to them; Come, take your breakfast. Not one of the disciples had the courage to inquire of him; Who are you? because they knew it was the Lord. ([John 21:12](#))
- Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise. ([John 21:13](#))
- This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after his being raised up from the dead. ([John 21:14](#))
- When, now, they had breakfasted, Jesus said to Simon Peter; Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? He said to him; Yes, Lord, you know I have affection for you. He said to him; Feed my lambs. ([John 21:15](#))
- Again he said to him, a second time; Simon son of John, do you love me? He said to him; Yes, Lord, you know I have affection for you. He said to him; Shepherd my little sheep. ([John 21:16](#))
- He said to him the third time; Simon son of John, do you have affection for me? Peter became grieved that he said to him the third time; Do you have affection for me? So he said to him; Lord, you know all things; You are aware that I have affection for you. Jesus said to him; Feed my little sheep. ([John 21:17](#))
- Most truly I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk about where you wanted. But when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and another man will gird you and bear you where you do not wish. ([John 21:18](#))

- This he said to signify by what sort of death he would glorify God. So, when he had said this, he said to him; Continue following me. ([John 21:19](#))
- Upon turning about Peter saw the disciple whom Jesus used to love following, the one who at the evening meal had also leaned back upon his breast and said; Lord, who is the one betraying you? ([John 21:20](#))
- Accordingly, when he caught sight of him, Peter said to Jesus; Lord, what will this man do? ([John 21:21](#))
- Jesus said to him; If it is my will for him to remain until I come, of what concern is that to you? You continue following me. ([John 21:22](#))
- In consequence, this saying went out among the brothers, that that disciple would not die. However, Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but; If it is my will for him to remain until I come, of what concern is that to you? ([John 21:23](#))
- He was also present with the other apostles when they met together for prayer and on the day of Pentecost.
- So, when they had entered, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were staying, Peter as well as John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the zealous one, and Judas the son of James. ([Acts of Apostles 1:13](#))
- With one accord all these were persisting in prayer, together with some women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brothers. ([Acts of Apostles 1:14](#))
- And they continued devoting themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to sharing with one another, to taking of meals and to prayers. ([Acts of Apostles 2:42](#))