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(Phil'ip) [meaning, Fond of Horses, Horse-Loving]

- One of the earliest disciples among the 12 apostles of Jesus Christ. In the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, **Philip** is mentioned by name solely in the lists of the apostles.
- **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**)
- John's account alone gives some detailed information about him.
- **Philip** was from the same hometown as Peter and Andrew, namely, Bethsaida, on the North shore of the Sea of Galilee. Upon hearing Jesus invitation, Be my follower, Philip did much as Andrew had done the day before.
- Andrew had searched out his brother Simon, or Peter and brought him to Jesus, and **Philip** now did this with Nathanael, or Bartholomew, saying,
- Andrew the brother of Simon Peter was one of the two that heard what John said and followed Jesus. (**John 1:40**)
- First this one found his own brother, Simon, and said to him; We have found the Messiah, which means, when translated, Christ. (**John 1:41**)
- 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](#))
 - The statement that Jesus found **Philip** may indicate some prior acquaintance between them, as do **Philips** words to Nathanael, inasmuch as **Philip** gave Jesus name, his family, and his residence.
 - Whether any connection other than friendship existed between Philip and Nathanael, or Bartholomew, is not stated, but in Biblical lists they are usually placed together.
 - 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](#))
 - Being the exception.
 - On the occasion of Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem five days before Passover of **33 C.E.**
 - And they brought the colt to Jesus, and they put their outer garments upon it, and he sat on it. ([Mark 11:7](#))
 - Also, many spread their outer garments on the road, but others cut down foliage from the fields. ([Mark 11:8](#))
 - And those going in front and those coming behind kept crying out; Save, we pray! Blessed is he that comes in Yehowah's

name! (**Mark 11:9**)

- **Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Save, we pray, in the heights above! (**Mark 11:10**)**
- **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**)**
- **Some Greeks wanted to see Jesus. They requested **Philip** to introduce them, possibly being attracted to the apostle because of his Greek name, or perhaps simply because he happened to be the one who was available to ask.**
- **At any rate, **Philip** evidently did not feel qualified to answer the request of these Greeks, perhaps proselytes. He first conferred with Andrew, with whom he is elsewhere mentioned**
- ****Philip** answered him; Two hundred denarii worth of loaves is not enough for them, so that each one may get a little. (**John 6:7**)**
- **One of his disciples, Andrew the brother of Simon Peter, said to him. (**John 6:8**)**
- **And who perhaps had more confidential relations with Jesus.**
- **And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives with the temple in view, Peter and James and John and Andrew began to ask him privately. (**Mark 13:3**)**
- **Together they presented the petition, not the petitioners, to Jesus for his consideration.**
- **Now there were some Greeks among those that came up to worship at the festival. (**John 12:20**)**
- **These, therefore, approached **Philip** who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and they began to request him, saying; Sir, we want to see Jesus. (**John 12:21**)**
- ****Philip** came and told Andrew. Andrew and **Philip** came and told Jesus. (**John 12:22**)**

- This circumspect, somewhat cautious, attitude is reflected in **Philip's** response to Jesus' question about feeding the multitude and even in his request, made after the rather blunt questions of Peter and Thomas, when he said; Show us the Father, and it is enough for us.
- When, therefore, Jesus raised his eyes and observed that a great crowd was coming to him, he said to **Philip**; Where shall we buy loaves for these to eat? (**John 6:5**)
- However, he was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was about to do. (**John 6:6**)
- **Philip** answered him; Two hundred denarii worth of loaves is not enough for them, so that each one may get a little. (**John 6:7**)
- Simon Peter said to him; Lord, where are you going? Jesus answered; Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterwards. (**John 13:36**)
- Peter said to him; Lord, why is it I cannot follow you at present? I will surrender my soul in your behalf. (**John 13:37**)
- Thomas said to him; Lord, we do not know where you are going. How do we know the way? (**John 14:5**)
- Jesus said to him; I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (**John 14:6**)
- If you men had known me, you would have known my Father also, from this moment on you know him and have seen him. (**John 14:7**)
- **Philip** said to him; Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us. (**John 14:8**)
- Jesus said to him; Have I been with you men so long a time, and yet, **Philip**, you have not come to know me? He that has seen me has seen the Father also. How is it you say; Show us the Father? (**John 14:9**)
- His tactful manner stands in contrast to Peter's directness and bluntness, and thus the brief accounts involving **Philip** reveal something of the variety of personality to be found among Jesus' chosen apostles.

- **Because of his close association with Nathanael or Bartholomew, and with the sons of Zebedee, **Philip** may have been one of the two unidentified disciples who were on the shore of the Sea of Galilee when the resurrected Jesus appeared.**
- **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](#))**