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A Biographical Study of Philip the Apostle

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Philip the Apostle

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. His first meeting with Christ
 - A. Philip's willingness—"The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me" (John 1:43).
 - B. Philip's witness—"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1:45).
 - C. Philip's wisdom—"And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see" (John 1:46).
- II. His full-time ministry for Christ
 - A. Philip and the Savior
 1. By the Galilean Sea—The wrong reaction: "When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little" (John 6:5-7).
 2. In the upper room—The wrong request: "Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?" (John 14:8-9).
 - B. Philip and the seekers—"And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus" (John 12:20-22).

STATISTICS

First mention: Matthew 10:3

Final mention: Acts 1:13

Meaning of his name: "Lover of horses"

Frequency of his name: Referred to 16 times

Biblical books mentioning him: Five books (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts)

Occupation: Apostle

Place of birth: Probably the Galilean city of Bethsaida (John 1:44)

Place of death: Tradition says he died at Hierapolis, a city near Colosse and Laodicia.

Important fact about his life: He led Nathanael to Christ (John 1:45-46).