

Character Study: Andrew

A Heart for People

Various Bible Passages

What's happening?

- Andrew was a fisherman, from the city of Bethsaida ([John 1:44](#)). He had embraced the preaching of John the Baptist and anxiously awaited the Messiah. Upon the Lord's arrival, Andrew quickly brought his brother, Simon (Peter), to go meet the Lord ([John 1:35-42](#)).
- His dedication to Christ is seen shortly later while he was fishing with his brother. Jesus came by and said to them, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Without hesitation, they left their boat to follow the Lord. ([Matt. 4:18-20](#))
- The events in Scripture that involve Andrew mostly involve him bringing someone to the Lord. In addition to bringing his brother to the Lord, we see that it was Andrew who brought the young boy to the Lord whose five loaves of bread and two small fish were multiplied by Jesus to feed 5,000 people ([John 6:8-13](#)). We also see that when some Greek people wanted to meet the Lord, Andrew introduced them to Him ([John 12:20-22](#)).
- Of the twelve Apostles, Andrew is seen as one of four most prominent Apostles, along with Peter, James, and John ([Mark 1:29; 13:3](#)). Yet, he was willing to work behind the scenes, using his boldness to reach people.
- Tradition teaches that Andrew took the gospel north to Scythia (reaching into modern day Russia). Though back in southern Greece (Achaia) is where it is said that he was later crucified on a saltire (X-shaped cross). Most accounts state that he hung on the cross for two days, all the while urging those who passed by to turn to Christ.

What's God doing?

> Andrew did not write any epistles, nor is it said that he preached any sermons. But God gave him a heart for people and the ability to see how God could use the small things in life for good.

What's to learn?

→ Andrew understood the importance of personal relationships. He came to know Christ very well, and in turn, he had no hesitation inviting others to know Christ also. Growing in our relationship with Christ and daily following Him will bring about a desire to see others know and follow Him as well!