



## I. Review

### The identity of the disciples

*"These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him." Matthew 10:2-4*

Chosen to be **TRAINED**. Chosen to be **SENT**.

**PETER** - Jesus used strong, dynamic, bold leader.

**ANDREW** - Jesus used a humble gentle inconspicuous quiet person.

**JAMES** - Zealous, passionate, uncompromising, task oriented

**JOHN** - Sensitive, loving, believing, intimate truth seeking

## II. **PHILIP**

*"Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus." John 12:20-22*

### His **POSITION** among the 12

*"Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida." John 1:44*

### A **PORTRAIT** of Philip

*"The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip." John 1:43-46*

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."* Luke 19:10

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*  
Jeremiah 29:11

### **ATTRIBUTES that distinguish Philip**

#### **Account #1**

*"When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"* John 6:5

#### **Account #2**

*"Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."* Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves." (John 14:8-11, NIV)

### **III. BARTHOLOMEW or NATHANAEEL**

#### **1. Nathanael was from Cana of Galilee.**

*"Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together."*  
John 21:2

#### **2. Philip brought him to Jesus**

*"Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still*

*under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." John 1:45-51*

**A) His study of SCRIPTURE**

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**B) His sin of PREJUDICE**

*"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip." John 1:46*

**C) His SINCERITY of heart**

*"When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." John 1:47*

**D) His search for TRUTH**

*"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." John 1:48*

**E) His STATEMENT of Faith**

*"Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." John 1:49*

**F) His special insight into JESUS' POWER**

*"Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that. He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." John 1:50-51*